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SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Master's degree in works

Specifics of CPA program yet undecided

By **JOHN HACKER**
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In what is hailed as a move forward for Missouri Southern, officials have begun planning the introduction of a master's degree in accounting.

The College received authorization to start development last year when the Missouri Legislature increased the number of hours required to take the certified public accountant examination from 120 to 150 hours.

"This is a national movement initiated by the American Society of Certified Public Accountants, and similar legislation has already been passed in 25 or 30 states," said College President Julio Leon. "Because Missouri Southern and Missouri

Western [State College in St. Joseph] are not allowed to offer master's degrees, our accounting graduates were going to be at a disadvantage."

The planning process has just begun at both institutions, so specific details of the program are still to be worked out. Leon said he hopes to have a proposal for the Coordinating Board for Higher Education by the end of the academic year.

Dr. James Shaver, professor of business and head of the planning effort at Southern, said two committees are looking at the issue.

An advisory committee, composed of business and professional people from the community, will provide information about what a CPA needs once he or she graduates.

"We're looking for them to tell us: 'An accountant with a master's degree needs...' and they fill in the blank," Shaver said.

A faculty committee, with members from all schools on campus, will make the decisions

about what will be included in the degree program.

"This first semester we're trying to figure out what the overall philosophy behind our degree should be—not specific things like admittance requirements or whether transfer requirements should be allowed," Shaver said. "All those can be decided on later."

One thing the committees are not doing now is looking at master's degree programs offered at other colleges and universities.

"I've gathered catalogs from about 50 institutions around the United States, and at some point we will want to look at them and figure out what we want," Shaver said. "We're trying to figure out what Missouri Southern's program ought to be. If all we do is design the same program that every other school in the state has, that really won't be good for Missouri Southern and it won't be inter-

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POLICE ACADEMY

Hands-on training to see increase

By **JENNIFER SEXTON**
STAFF WRITER

When new police training standards go into effect in August, training centers like the one at Missouri Southern will have to adjust.

"I think it is the best thing that ever happened," said Dr. Jimmie Williams, director of criminal justice. "Our training is too short. There is not enough time to properly train the officers for what they will be doing every day on the streets."

Police standards will jump from the current 120-hour requirement to 300 hours in 1994 and continue to climb to

450 hours by August 1996.

Compared to police training standards across the nation, Missouri's standards do not match up.

"Missouri was the last state in the nation," Williams said. "Now, as for the ratings, we will be somewhere in the middle."

In 1978, police academy graduates were required to complete 450 hours. That standard was lowered the following year.

"I have been pushing for this increase in training since the hours were changed to 120 in 1979," said Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of the school of technology and former criminal justice director. "I am exceedingly

happy this is finally happening."

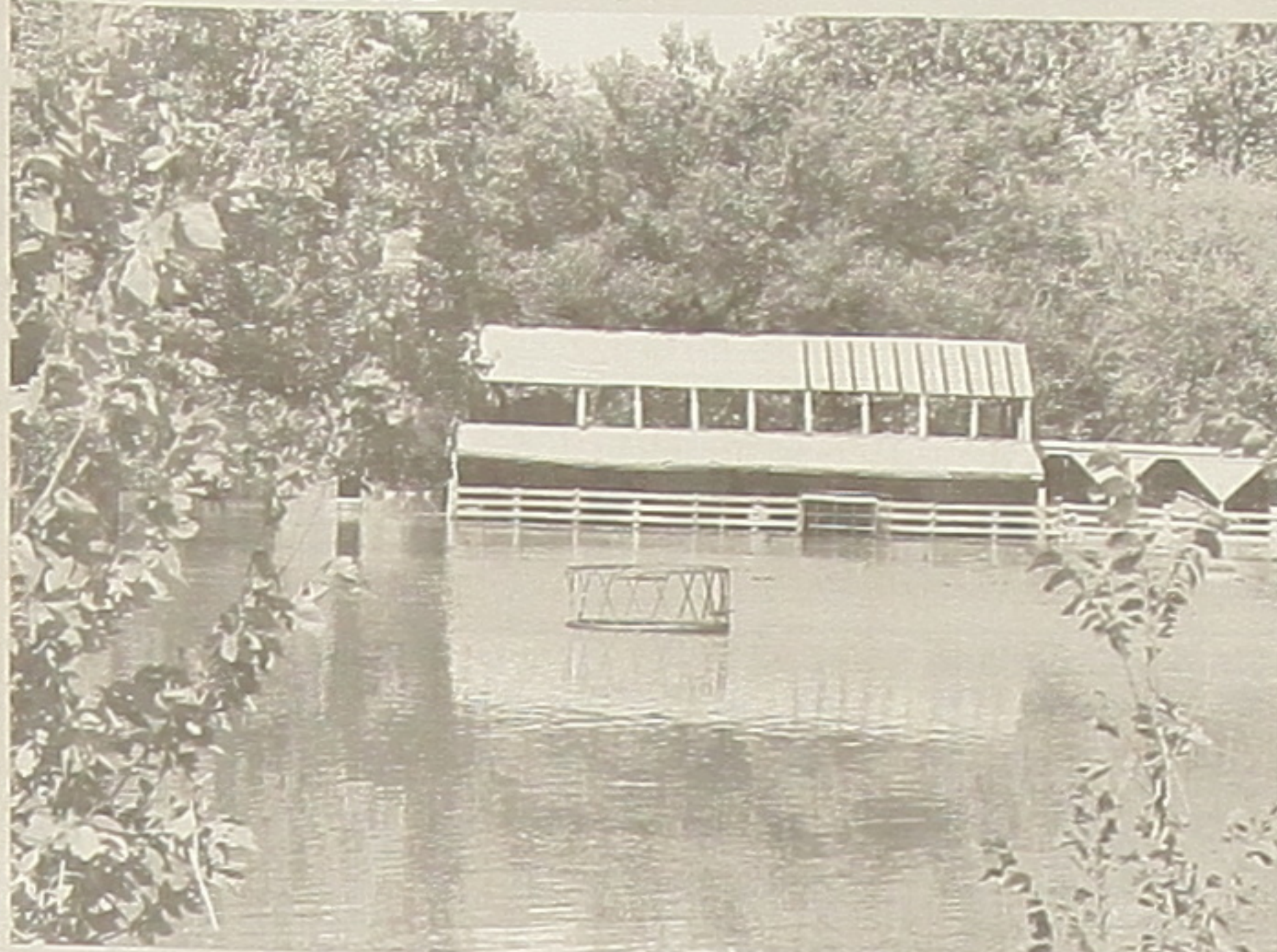
Even though Southern graduates will have 450 hours under their belts, academies in St. Louis and Kansas City could require them to attend their police academy for additional hours.

"First-class academies like St. Louis and Kansas City require their graduates to attend 600 hours," Williams said. "It would be up to them if our graduates would be required to compete the remaining hours."

The curriculum for the new

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TURN OFF THE TAP



CHAD HAYWORTH/The Chart

Flood waters engulfed many farms like this one east of Baxter Springs, Kan., after last weekend's rains.

Water fills Henson's home

By **JOHN HACKER**
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Last weekend's flooding has disrupted the lives of thousands of people in Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma.

Lou Henson, dental hygiene secretary at Missouri Southern, and her family lost much of their furniture and belongings when Spring River overwhelmed their home north of La Russell, Mo.

Henson said the water came up early Saturday and kept climbing until it was four feet deep in the first

level of their house. Her husband had stayed Friday night at their house.

"My husband barely got out because the water was so swift," Henson said. "He had to hold on to a pole while some friends of ours tried to get to him. They drove a tractor out as far as they could and threw a rope to him."

While the river did not stay up long, it left a bounteous supply of mud behind.

"We had mud three inches thick throughout the house," Henson said. "We've pulled the carpeting and flooring up already, and we'll probably have to replace all of our furniture."

Henson said the water, electricity, and telephone have been restored, but it would be some time before they could move back in.

"My husband says we will be able to move back in in a week, but I'm not so sure," she said.

"We certainly have found out we had friends. We had a lot of help [moving things]. My brother-in-law and three sons-in-law are going to re-sheetrock the lower part of the house."

"We have the structure, and we have each other. We can thank God for that."

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THROUGH THE WIDGET



T. ROB BROWN/The Chart

Randy Henson, senior history major, plays croquet at the Social Science Club's Old English Tea Party yesterday on the lawn in front of Webster Hall. Tea and cookies were also served at the event.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Officer hopes to make campus crime-free

By **CHAD HAYWORTH**
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Craig Richardson hopes to make Missouri Southern crime-free. Or, at least, as close as possible.

Richardson, who has been named the College's public relations and crime prevention officer, will oversee the implementation of several programs designed to ensure the safety and well-being of the entire College community.

Despite his new title, Richardson doesn't believe Southern has a huge crime problem.

"Crime is inevitable," he said. "I don't think we have major crime on campus, but we have our share. It goes with the territory."

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Boyer warns of carelessness in lots

By **KAYLEA HUTSON**
MANAGING EDITOR

Six weeks into the fall semester, some students may not be focusing on their driving. Because of that, several traffic accidents have occurred on campus.

"At the beginning of the school year, many people have so much on their minds that they are just not concentrating," said Bill Boyer, chief of security. "Since Aug. 23 we have had [nine] accidents reported."

The accidents include everything from hit-and-run incidents to minor fender-benders.

"[The accidents] kind of run in spurts like that," Boyer said. "We will not have any for quite a while, and then we will have three to four in one week."

"It doesn't follow any pattern—I really think it's just that people have so much on their minds that they are not concentrating on their driving."

Boyer said the accident spurts are not linked to any specific time period.

ual completed by Nov. 1.

Another safety program Richardson hopes to implement is the Lions' Patrol, a volunteer group to accompany students across campus during the high-crime hours of dusk to between 1 a.m. and 3 a.m.

"If a person calls for the Lions' Patrol, a patrol member will come and escort them from point A to point B anywhere on campus," he said. "It's always safer to walk across campus after dark if you're not alone."

Richardson doesn't expect to have the patrol installed until the beginning of next semester.

"With the amount of training and screening of applicants, the implementation could take a while," he said. "I'm looking for people who are interested right now."

Richardson said he is available to assist any campus organization with crime prevention measures and information.

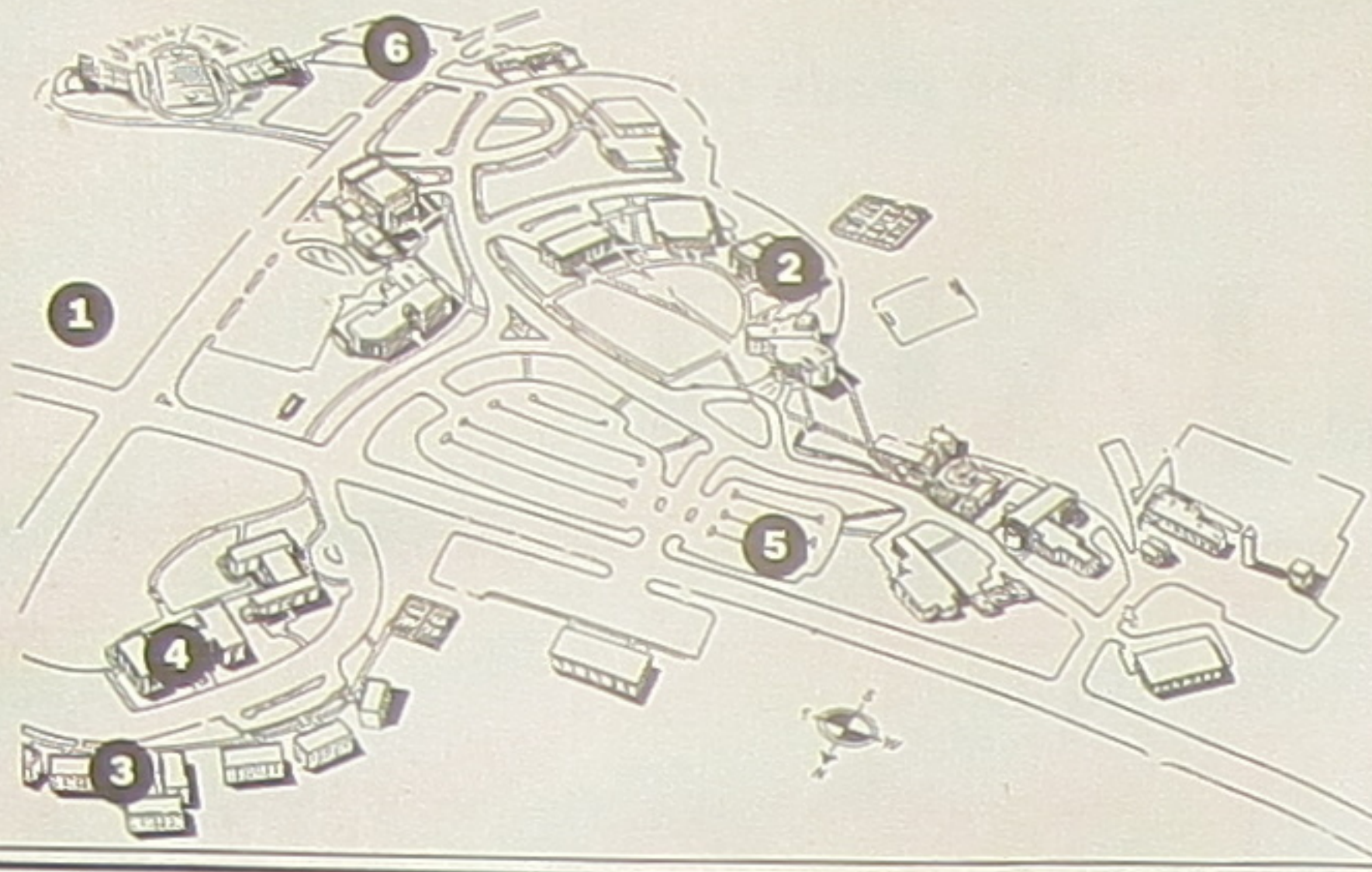
Officer Roderick Sly, who typically works late nights in the residence halls, is conducting a survey of students who might be interested in taking a self-defense class, Richardson said. Anyone interested in the class should contact Sly, he said.

The security office will soon change telephone numbers, Richardson said. With the implementation of the new fiber-optic network, security soon will be able to be contacted at Ext. 2222. In addition, Richardson suggests calling the cellular telephone number, 437-0390, at night and on the weekend.

"It's better than just leaving a name and phone number," he said. "We'll write a report on it; most insurance companies almost always want a report."

Boyer said most of the accidents happen during the morning when more students on campus, mainly on the main parking lots and the lot between Young Gymnasium and Taylor Hall. If students are involved in a hit-and-run accident and fail to either leave their name or report it to security, they face a \$25 fine.

CAMPUS SECURITY REPORT



SOURCE: Campus Security Office

- 1 9/23/93 LOT 41 9:30 a.m. Security was notified by Marie Capps that unknown persons had damaged her vehicle, a 1982 yellow Cadillac El Dorado, Missouri License "MSSC." The damage, a dent on the left side of the trunk, appeared to be caused by a blunt object.
- 2 9/24/93 REYNOLDS HALL 10:50 a.m. Officer Dallas Fortner, along with College Nurse Julie Foster, was called to Reynolds Hall after it was reported a student had fallen on the west stairway. Upon arrival Fortner and Foster found Dawn Randall in a secretary's office. She was unhurt and left on her own.
- 3 9/26/93 HEADLEE HALL (APT. E) 4:00 p.m. Officer Roderick Sly was notified of an unconscious student. Sly contacted JEMS, head resident Deb Gipson, and SA Doug Martin. JEMS examined Melissa Lawson and transported her to St. John's Regional Medical Center.
- 4 9/27/93 BLAINE (NORTH) HALL 9:10 p.m. Jason Schultz contacted security and reported he lost his wallet. Schultz said he may have lost it in the Billingsly Student Center or Blaine Hall.
- 5 9/28/93 LOT 38 11:05 a.m. Cars driven by Matthew Huntley and Thomas Snider were simultaneously backing out of parking stalls when they collided. Huntley's vehicle, a 1988 Suzuki Samurai, sustained damage to the left rear, bumper, and Snider's car, a 1986 Honda Accord, to the rear bumper.
- 6 9/28/93 LOT 14 12:02 p.m. A 1991 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Amy Gann clipped the left rear of a 1989 Cadillac driven by Shirley Rhinehart. Both vehicles sustained damages.

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esting to the [CBHE]."

Shaver said the faculty and staff are excited about the prospect of creating a new degree program.

"This is something that very few faculties ever have the opportunity to do," he said. "Most of the current faculty had no input on how [Southern's]

program was designed."

Leon said the move is a logical step forward for the College.

"All institutions advance and progress, and at some point they begin offering master's degrees," he said. "Right now the concern is to develop a good master's degree."

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police academy regulation standards is still being formulated.

"The curriculum will be developed by post commissioners, who are selected by the governor and three people in the education process," Spurlin said.

The developed curriculum will contain behavior objectives for every area created by the new

police standard regulations.

"The curriculum will include areas in hand-to-hand combat, cultural diversity, learning to use fire arms, administering first aid, criminal law, procedure law, driving, human awareness, how to deal with people, and self defense," Spurlin said.

The additional hours will be a big change for criminal justice majors, he said.

"The increase in the curriculum will make time for hands-on experience," Spurlin said. "You can tell a class how to make a felony car stop, but they don't learn how to do it. Now they will be able to learn hands-on how it

is done, not just by listening."

With the new standardized training, eventually nearly all the officers in Missouri will be equally qualified.

"It appears our graduates will be required to pass a state licenser exam to be officers in the state of Missouri," Spurlin said.

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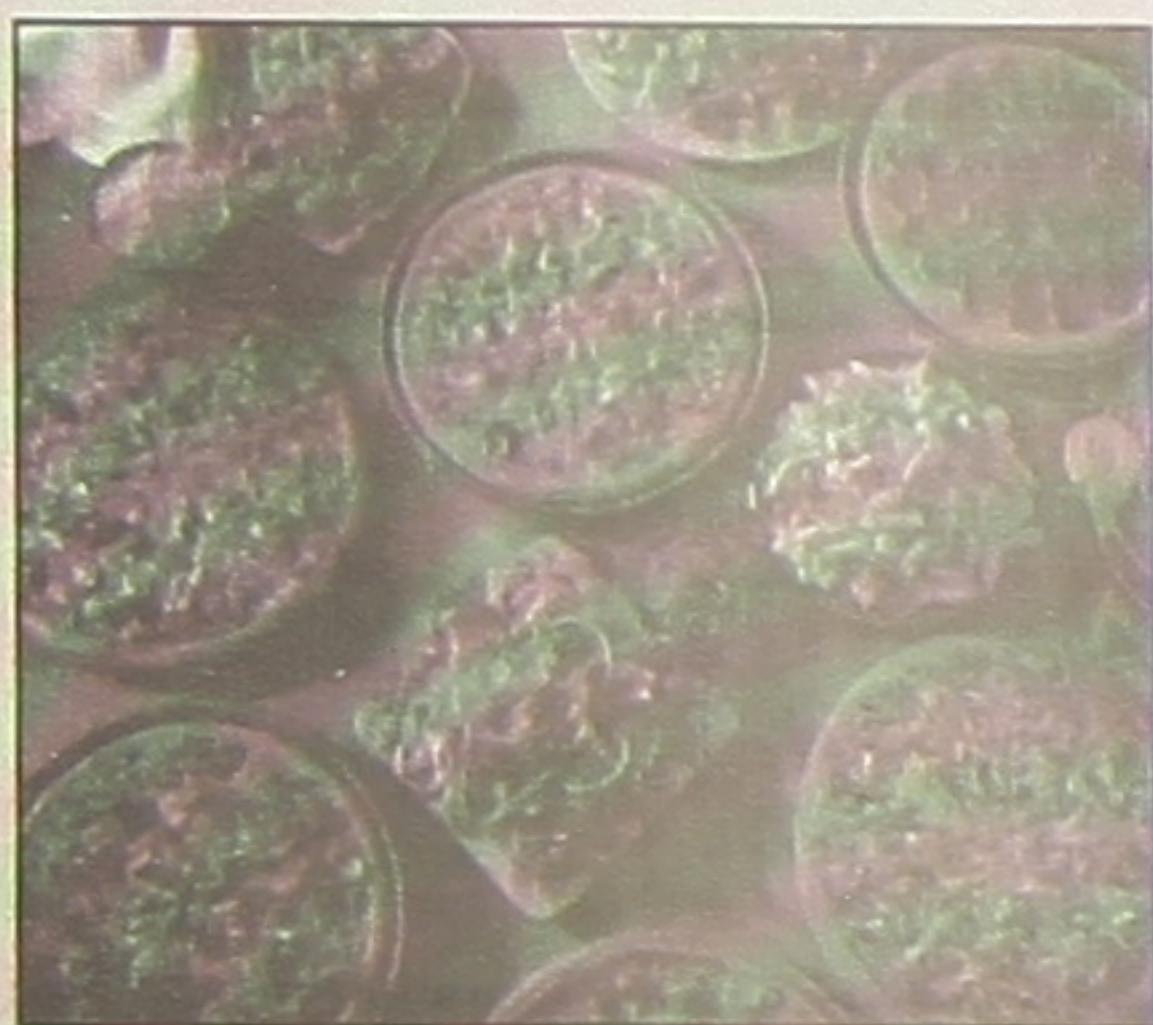
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STUDENT SENATE

Amendment fails by one

A motion to amend the bylaws of the Student Senate's constitution failed by one vote at the meeting last night.

The amendment would have allowed senators who are also members of campus organizations to vote on resolutions affecting that organization as long as they did not personally benefit from the resolution.

Senators debated the measure for 20 minutes. Some said they did not appreciate the limits the current bylaws placed on their voting powers.

"Most of us were elected by

groups to do things for the groups we represent," said freshman Sen. John Weedn.

Senior Sen. Troy Comeau said he believed senators were committed enough to realize their responsibility to the student body.

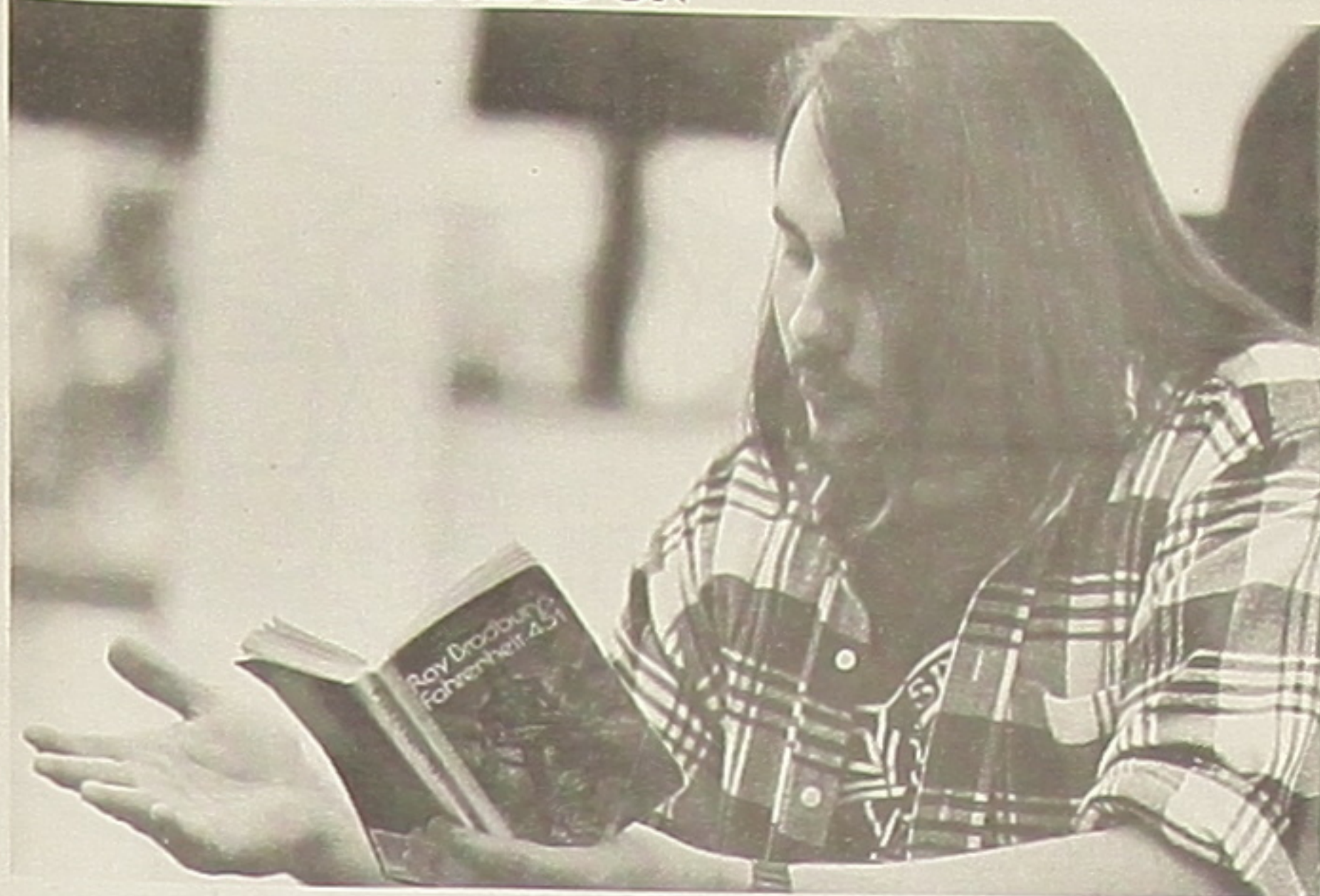
"As committed as we are to our groups, we realize we are here to represent the student body as a whole," Comeau said.

Senior Sen. Ken DeLaughter opposed the resolution, saying that "if a group cannot get its funding past an unbiased group of senators, it doesn't deserve the money."

The motion fell one vote short of the two-thirds majority needed to pass. Twenty-three senators voted for the amendment, 10 voted against, and three abstained.

In other business, the Senate voted to allocate \$1,000 to the World Issues for Study by Educators (WISE) organization. The money will be used for a trip to New Orleans. A \$1,000 request from Phi Beta Lambda was tabled until a representative of the organization comes to a Senate meeting to answer some questions about the request.

AND THE BANNED READ ON



T. ROB BROWN/The Chart

Bill Watts, a senior English major, reads Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451*, during the Banned Book Read-in at the Spiva Library. The library was showcasing literature that have been banned across the country.

CAREER PLANNING AND PLACEMENT

Office gets much-needed help

Yazell will take up discarded programs

By KEVIN MCCLINTOCK
STAFF WRITER

Nancy Loomer and the career planning and placement office have finally gotten what they say they have so desperately needed for the past five years: an addition to their staff.

Because of the small staff and large work load, some of the programs sponsored by the placement office have had to be put aside for more pressing items. With the addition of Jennifer Yazell, however, Loomer says

those discarded programs can now be put into action.

"With Jennifer on board now, we are hoping to implement a wide range of programs," Loomer said. "One program will support students who are graduates that haven't yet found employment. We're also extending our office hours through the noon hour and until 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays for those students who need our help but are only on campus for evening classes."

Just two weeks into her new job, Yazell, career services coordinator, has already made an impact on her first major assignment, Wednesday's Career Fair.

"One of the big things I've worked on since coming here is trying to get more recruiters to come to Career Fair, so more of our students can find employment through the opportunities that present themselves there," Yazell said.

"The biggest difference is that the employers are now looking to hire students on a part-time basis, and that's good, because a lot of our students, mostly freshmen and sophomores, seek those types of jobs, yet feel Career Fair is for upper-graduates only."

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM

All-day seminar to discuss violence on tap

The culture of violence will be one of the topics discussed during an all-day seminar on Thursday, Oct. 7.

The seminar, which focuses on domestic violence, is sponsored by Missouri Southern's criminal justice program. It opens at 8 a.m. in the Matthews Hall auditorium. The cost is \$35 for the

program and course materials. It is open to the public.

Police response to domestic violence, obtaining Ex-parte orders, parental kidnapping, interference with custody issues, and dealing with victims of domestic violence are the other topics that will be discussed in the seminar.

David Niebur, Joplin chief of police; Robert George, Lawrence County prosecuting attorney; Dr. Sherry Grant, director of domestic violence and sexual assault intervention at the Lafayette House; and Judge M. Keithley Williams are among the presenters of the seminar.

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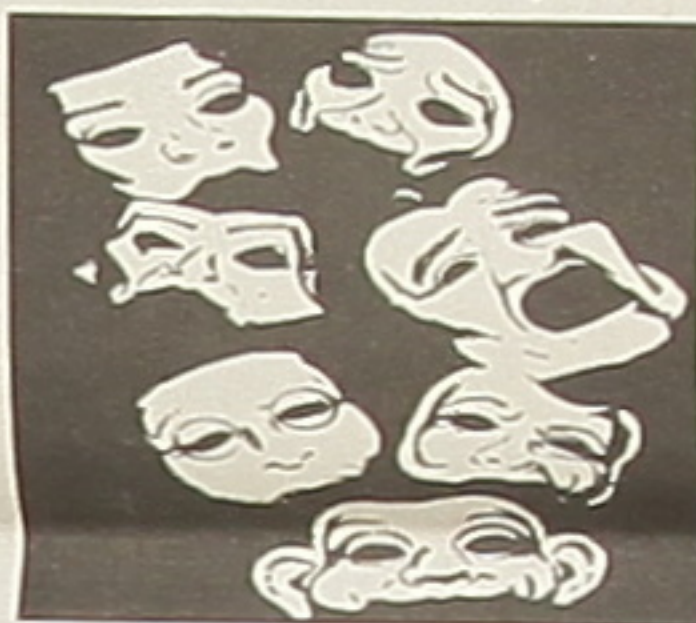
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OUR EDITORIALS

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Let's be safe: New programs not enough; hire more security officers

Call it a step in the right direction. When College officials decided to put security officer Craig Richardson in charge of developing and implementing campus safety procedures, they picked the right person for the job.

Richardson's first priority, an emergency procedures manual, will spell out exactly what to do if disaster should strike. The manual seems like a good idea, and if something does come up, everyone will be on the same page.

However, Richardson's best idea is the Lions' Patrol, a group of volunteers who will be available to accompany students across campus during high-crime hours. With the number of assaults and attacks on the rise in this country every year, a

volunteer effort to prevent them here is surely a welcome addition.

We hope Richardson will succeed in his efforts to make Missouri Southern safer, but we fear his efforts won't be enough.

The simple fact is, we need additional security officers.

After the daytime shift, there is only one officer on duty. Now if Southern needs a volunteer escort service in the high-crime hours of dusk to 3 a.m., it also needs more trained professionals on duty.

Richardson said he doesn't think we have a major crime problem, and he's right. But one or two additional security officers could hardly hurt.

Disgraceful: Student Senate should realize to whom it owes its allegiance

Too close for comfort.

Pardon the cliché, but when the Student Senate nearly revised its bylaws to allow senators to vote on resolutions which affect organizations they are members of, we blanched.

Apparently, 23 of our senators have forgotten who elected them. (Hint: it was the whole student body.)

Therefore, they don't see the obvious conflict of interest it would cause should they be allowed to

vote on what even appears to be a conflict of interest. With the Senate at times being little more than a clearing house for funding, an attempt to look upstanding seems only reasonable.

Some members of the Student Senate should keep in mind which side of the bread their butter is on; being a slave to special interest is a horrible violation of the trust that was placed in them when elected.

YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and should include a phone number for verification purposes. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall or fax them to (417) 625-9742 by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

Recycling effort should be made by everyone

I would like to echo my sympathy for Regina Brownberger's recent letter concerning the custodial recycling policy. I feel the custodians should be allowed to recycle cans for themselves. Ten dollars a week (@ .25¢/lb.) is 40 pounds of cans! A 30-gallon trash bag will hold 12 to 15 lbs. of cans if they are crushed. Combining all the buildings on campus, one can easily see the custodians are actually doing the College a favor by reducing the amount of trash that has to be hauled off! Trash haulers charge for

their services, and any effort to reduce the tonnage should be appreciated, not punished!

If indeed the wage scale of custodians is such that they have resorted to scavenging, then perhaps it is time they got a raise. During periods of unemployment in the past, I've walked 15-20 miles a day picking up cans, pop bottles, hubcaps, and anything else of recyclable value. I was terminated from a custodial job in the past over \$4 worth of cans. The company viewed trash as personal property. My argu-

ment about environmental responsibility was futile. The company was satisfied with passing the buck and letting someone else have the glory of saving the planet!

I don't know where the wisdom came from or why this decision was made. It is quite likely there are certain facts I am unaware of at this time. At this time, however, I feel this policy is not only ludicrous, but asinine as well.

Richard Shaw
Junior management major



"I never give them hell; I just tell them the truth and they think it is hell."

—Harry S. Truman

EDITOR'S COLUMN

Troubled waters

Flood preparation should be done early

The headlines are back. Floods have ravaged homes and farms in the four-state area as well as along the Missouri and Mississippi rivers.

There really is nothing anyone can do about the floods. I was surprised earlier this summer when the Associated Press wrote a story asking what could be done to move the rains from the saturated Midwest to the parched South.

Science just hasn't figured out how to control the weather like that—and I don't think it ever will.

In that case, what can we do about the floods? Maybe that is the wrong question. The question should be: "What can be done to control the damage caused by the flooding?"

This year's flooding on the Mississippi and the Missouri proved the futility of trying to control the flooding. Levee after levee failed in the Midwest. These included small private levees built to protect individual properties and large levees built by the Army Corps of Engineers to protect entire communities.

The smaller levees built by individuals failed relatively quickly and often. The Corps of Engineers said more than 90 percent of the private levees built on the Mississippi River north of St. Louis failed this summer.

Only about 40 percent of Corps levees failed, but those failures led to enormous damage.

Does this mean we build more, bigger, stronger levees? The Corps is

planning to rebuild all of its levees, then reevaluating its levee policy.

What a waste. Look at the Mississippi south of St. Louis. There are fewer levees, and the river is allowed to spread out instead of being channeled like a huge ditch.

The same amount of water passed this part of the country—yet the damage was considerably less than in the northern Mississippi Valley.

Anyone who

as a child

ever built a little dam in a ditch in front of their house after a rain storm knows that water has a tremendous amount of power when it is released from a controlled situation. The more you try to control it, the more force it has when it breaks out.

What is the answer? Building somewhere else would be my best answer. Of course, you can never plan for floods like the ones we had here this past week that inundated places never covered by water before.

The couple I talked to outside of Riverton, Kan., has lived in the same place for 15 years and never had a problem before.

You can plan for some areas like obvious flood plains, but I would ask the Corps of Engineers to rethink its levee policy before it goes in to rebuild the levees.

If an area is too low and vulnerable to flooding—don't build a levee. Tell those who would build in those areas they build there at their own risk.

There are some things the government just cannot protect us from, and our own foolishness is one of them.

IN PERSPECTIVE

Doing dirty work

Physical plant undertakes many projects

Missouri Southern is a vibrant and growing institution, and we at the physical plant and safety and security department accept our role in this development with great enthusiasm.

Many exciting projects have been completed recently and are expected in the near future. Our campus lighting project includes the newly completed oval lighting, additional outdoor lights in the dorm area, and many other planned areas.

One cannot help notice the many excavations around campus, which include the installation of our new phone system and fiber optic system. The Americans with Disabilities Act is important for our campus. The physical plant will be remodeling restrooms, adding or changing drinking fountains, adding ramps, installing braille graphics, and many other projects to enable people who have disabilities to better use our facilities. A brand-new facility in the dormitory area will begin soon for dining, recreation, and other purposes. Planning for the new Barn Theatre is also progressing.

The physical plant has recently taken a more active role in the remodeling of spaces when needed. We do have very

qualified craftsmen who do carpentry, painting, HVAC, electrical, welding, plumbing, and just about any craft a project may need. The work can be done at a fraction of the cost of contracted projects.

A new turf program has been initiated to improve our campus grounds. A parking lot and street resurfacing program is underway. Our custodial staff is very dedicated to the

campus. We strongly encourage our custodial staff to be a part of the department they serve and do that extra task when they can be helpful.

Our safety and security department is taking an active role in the area of hazardous chemical identification and proper disposal. We are initiating new programs in the area of crime prevention to include escort services, personal property identification, self defense, and others. We now have a security officer stationed in the dormitory area in the evening to enhance personal safety.

I am very proud of our physical plant and safety and security staff. I believe we all understand that comfortable, clean, and safe facilities are very important factors to create an environment conducive to learning. Our workload gets heavy and we may slip from time to time, but this is always our goal.



By Bob Beeler
Physical Plant Director

AGE: 42
BACKGROUND: Beeler has been the physical plant director for four years; previously he was at the University of Arkansas.

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MOLLY IVINS

Clinton's health-care reform raises many questions

When does an operation no longer become a necessity but a luxury?

Health-care reform can be a real MEGO (my eyes gaze over), but one way to cut a little closer to the heart of the matter is to raise two pertinent questions. One is: What should we be allowed to die of these days?

And numero two-o: What is actually going to affect the behavior of individual patients and individual doctors in consultation?

Taking the last first, assume that we have a doctor and patient meeting under a completely revamped health insurance system. The doctor's incentive to order useless tests and to practice defensive medicine because of malpractice threats is now gone. According to Henry Aaron, director of economic studies at the Brookings Institute, this saves us only 2 percent of total health-care spending, but at least it's progress.

Furthermore, the doctor has recently re-read the Hippocratic

oath, which, contrary to popular belief, does not enjoin him or her to prolong life regardless of cost. In fact, the oath mandates that the doctor understand and respect the natural inevitability of death.

I think it speaks rather well of us, as a civilization, that we have come to value life so much that we will spend a small fortune to ensure one more additional breath. Of course, we all suffer from a biological imperative as well: We're programmed to struggle to live just as we're programmed to procreate. But just as medical technology has now given us many more choices about whether, when, and how many children to have, so has it landed us with an astonishing array of procedures to prolong life in the face of terminal illness. Up to 60 percent of all medical costs are incurred in the last month of life, in an impressive, touching, and ultimately futile struggle to stave off The End.

Those of us who are aging baby boomers are going to have to start thinking about some of the choices we will face. Does it make sense to have a hip

replacement operation at the age of 85? How about triple bypass surgery at 82?

Is there not some point at which we should say, "Hey, I've had a good shot at life and loved it, but now the money required for complex surgery should be spent on a 35-year-old mother of four or a little boy with a congenital heart defect"? I'll be interested to see what reactions I get to these questions.

The other part of the health-care cost picture that the Clinton plan does not address is what we do to ourselves.

For most of my life, I have been a hard-drinking heavy-smoking, red-meat-eating, dessert-loving citizen whose exercise habits are sporadic at best.

Despite a remarkable set of genes (as my brother points out, Mom is 81 and healthy and did it all on fudge), should I really expect all the anal-compulsive, alfalfa-sprout-eating joggers in my cohort to pay for the consequences of my bad habits? Just because I've had so much more fun than they have?

Here we veer perilously close to the self-righteous and patently idiotic right-wing argument that if you get sick, it's all your fault. There's even a new variation of this which holds that if

you don't get well, it's because you haven't tried hard enough. Still, given the stats, addressing self-destructive habits should be part of serious health-care reform.

This argument starts as early as the first injunction to "eat your spinach" and goes right on through to Dr. Koop's noble efforts to get us all to quit smoking. (Which reminds me of a definition of bubba I heard the other day: You're not a bubba unless your mama does not take the cigarette out of her mouth while telling the highway patrolman to kiss her ass.) In a happy example of rationalization, I take refuge in the reflection that my social utility is really quite high, in that I have paid far more than my fair share in sin taxes over the years and am about to pay still more for the Clinton plan and will probably die young, thus resulting in a net saving for society.

What I'm saying here is that a truly well-designed health-care plan would put a lot of money into preventive medicine, including money to cure alcohol and drug addiction, and a lot money into health education. And as a matter of simple common sense, if we are going to spend money on health education, we should also end the



Financing the new health plan

Based on current plans, here are some of the major funding sources and expenses for President Clinton's health care reform from 1996 to 2000, in billions:

Where the money comes from

Medicare savings	\$124
Medicaid savings	\$114
New cigarette and liquor taxes	\$105
Projected tax revenue increases due to health reform	\$51
Federal program savings	\$47

SOURCE: Congressional staff, Boston Globe

Where it goes

Subsidies to low-income firms and individuals to help cover new health care premium	\$169
Deficit reduction expected from health reform	\$91
New long-term care benefits for elderly and chronically ill	\$80
New prescription drug benefits for elderly	\$72
New public health investment	\$18
Administrative costs	\$11

damn-fool government subsidy to tobacco farmers and set them all to growing endive and radicchio instead. Or at least pinto beans.

Now, having raised all these fine questions in the realms of both philosophy and public-health education, let me also say that just because we have wandered into some Larger

Questions does not mean we should neglect the nitty-gritty. It may well be we should all pull up our socks and exercise more, but a health-care system so insane that it would pay Thomas Frist Jr., CEO of the Hospital Corp. of America, \$127

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CAREERS

How to start a new business

By JOYCE LAIN KENNEDY
SUN FEATURES INC.

Dear Joyce: I am a 35-year-old veteran who will be graduating next year with a bachelor's degree in entrepreneurship. Where are some good places to establish a business? I have some ideas but I'd like yours.—D.B.N.

Good places to start a business are not necessarily the same as those on the ever-popular lists of fastest-growing localities, says a researcher who has made an intense study of this concern.

David Birch, Ph.D., president of Cognetics, Inc., an economics research firm in Cambridge, Mass., (617) 661-0300, says "Many entrepreneurs flourish in economies that are otherwise stagnant. They thrive on the skilled labor and cheap space found in older, declining areas."

In other cases, moving on out is key to significant starts. It used to be the large companies that decided where people lived and worked, Birch explains. Now that smaller and mid-size companies are heading up the business-growth bandwagon, Austin and Sioux City are replacing White Plains and Boston as places where "the action is."

Cognetics recently released a study—with a protocol so statistically specific you'll have to

read it to find out why the geographic rankings are not merely business "beauty contests"—that breaks the country up into seven sets of areas within each of which comparisons are made: regions, states, largest metropolitan areas, smaller metropolitan areas, communities in large metropolitan areas, communities in small metropolitan areas, and rural areas. Geographic winners in each of these areas have an impressive percent of young companies with high growth record.

Suppose, for instance, you want to seek out a small metro area and set up shop. The study suggests, as the tip 10 picks, you look at Huntsville, Ala.; Honolulu, Hawaii; Las Vegas, Nev.; Madison, Wis.; Tallahassee, Fla.; Green Bay-Appleton, Wis.; Reno, Nev.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Baton Rouge, La.; and South Bend, Ind. Benton Harbor, Mich.

Is the above list too citified for you? Try the outer islands of Hawaii, the northern mountain region of Georgia, the rural south in Florida, the western part of Maryland, or the Tennessee River Valley in Tennessee.

In "Entrepreneurial Hot Spots: The Best Places in America to Start and Grow a Company," Cognetics tells us the most promising locales are likely to be in the West and South, not

the North and East, and at the edge of metropolitan areas, not at the center. Interest in the hot spots is driven primarily by universities, interstate highways, airports, advanced telecommunications, quality of life considerations, and a positive entrepreneurial culture.

The entire study, 104 pages, \$65 from Cognetics, is costlier than most books, but reasonable by the standards of business research.

Another new publication for budding entrepreneurs is the "DOL Small Business Handbook: Laws, Regulations and Technical Assistance," 87 pages, available by writing to the Consumer Information Center, Dept. 629z, Pueblo, Colo. 81009.

It's much less expensive than "Hot Spots"—in fact, it's free. Your tax dollars paid for it through the U.S. Department of Labor.

In summarizing some of the principal laws that apply to business owners, the handbook discusses minimum wage and overtime pay, child labor protections, employment eligibility of alien workers, occupational safety and health, employment benefit plans, veterans re-employment rights, lie detector tests, wage garnishment, family and medical leave, and other laws that affect profitability.

GLOBAL VIEWS

Sweden has high tax history

By MICHAEL BODIN
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[Editor's note: This is the last segment of a three-part series about Sweden.]

The standard of living in Sweden is one of the highest in the world, and the foundation for that was laid during the two world wars where Sweden could build up its industry and produce merchandise while other countries were busy destroying each other.

The annual minimum vacation for all workers is five weeks with full pay. The Swedes normally take four weeks in the summer and one week in the winter.

To visit a doctor costs approximately \$7 (U.S. dollars). If you are hospitalized it also costs \$7, and it doesn't matter if you have a broken leg or a heart surgery. This medical care is available for anyone living in Sweden. This means that you don't need to worry about medical insurance or anything like that.

The difference between the cost of health care and the price you pay is made up for by taxes. The tax for the medical care is approximately 15 percent of

your paycheck. The fact that Swedish hospitals are sort of socialized doesn't mean that they are bad. In fact, Sweden has one of the lowest infant mortality rates in the world and one of the longest life expectancies in the world.

The school system in Sweden is also different than it is here. You start in the "basic school" the year you turn 7. The basic

has issued special student loans with a low interest rate (4.5 percent), and you don't need to start to pay them back until you've been working for two years.

Sweden has been a high-tax country until quite recently when a liberal government was elected. Before this tax reform that brought the taxes down to about 35 percent for an average

worker, it was possible to have an income tax over 100 percent if you had enough personal properties. Today the highest possible income tax is 50 percent. One example of the earlier

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—Michael Bodin

school lasts for nine years. Then you continue to the "gymnasium," where you stay for two to four years depending on what you're studying. After the "gymnasium" you can go on to universities if you want to. The only part that is required is the "basic school," but all of the above-mentioned schools have no annual fees.

You have to buy your own books on the university level, and if you're not living right next to a "gymnasium" or a university you'll have to rent an apartment at your own cost. For this purpose the government

high taxation is the author of the Pippi Longstocking books, Astrid Lindgren, who one year had to pay 112 percent tax on her income.

I was born in 1963 in Kramfors, Sweden, which is located on the east coast of Sweden about 300 miles north of Stockholm. I came to the USA in September 1992. At this time I was working for Honeywell, and I came to Joplin to start up a computerized automation system for a new machine at Gulf States Paper Corporation. Today I'm married to a girl from Joplin and we're living here.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Robber drops stolen money after 'bait' bag explodes, causes burn to groin

A suspect said to be in his 20s escaped after robbing a First American Bank branch in Nashville, Tenn., in August, but not before leaving some of the money behind during the getaway. The teller had managed to give the man a bag of "bait" money containing an explodable device that would coat the money with a dye soon after he left the bank. Apparently, the man wanted to free his hands during the getaway and so stuffed the bag into his sweatpants. Said a Nashville detective, "We believe he may have [dropped the money when he] suffered severe burns to his groin area."

CAVALCADE OF IRONIES

The annual Wisconsin hunting-season accident report issued in August included: a boy who shot himself in the hand when he used his rifle as a crutch to get up off the ground; a man who shot himself in the foot trying to hit a squirrel who was running nearby; and a man who was shot when he dropped his gun from a tree and had it

discharge when it hit the ground, with the barrel pointed back up at him. Still, said the state department of natural resources, the number of accidents declined for the fourth straight year.

Fugitive Mary Annette Cole, 33, wanted by the police in connection with a local robbery, was arrested in a Tulsa, Okla., movie theater in August while watching "The Fugitive."

A court in Trenton, N.J., ruled in June that James Huckfeldt would have to pay for the legal defense of his two teen-age sons because the family is too well-off for public defenders. Huckfeldt's sons are charged with trying to hire a hit man to kill him.

In April, police in Chandler, Ariz., arrested Arturo Ortiz, 33, and 135 pounds, after he had allegedly broken into a home and begun fondling a

woman as she slept. The woman weighs 260 pounds and easily subdued Ortiz by twisting his wrist behind his back and holding him until police arrived. Said the woman, "I'm large, and he happens to be small."

In January near Alvin, Texas, Andrea Guerero, 18, and her brother came across a man who was slumped over the wheel of his truck and not breathing, and Guerero administered CPR until an ambulance arrived to take the victim to a hospital, where he recovered. Guerero was on her way home from a CPR certification exam, which she had flunked.

Bea Bernkrant and her husband filed a lawsuit last year against the Radisson Suite Hotel in Boca Raton, Fla., accusing the hotel of negligence in allowing the couple's personal towels, which they had brought to the hotel, to be stolen from their room.

A 60-year-old slaughterhouse worker was decapitated in Stockton, Calif., in June in an accident involving the machine that strips the hide off cows.

Two doctors, writing in a December 1992 issue of the British Medical Journal, reported that a teenager, hospitalized after a fall from an apartment building, came down with a severe bacterial infection. The doctors traced the infection to holy water sprinkled on him by his aunt, who was trying to help him survive the injuries from his fall.

CLICHES COME TO LIFE

According to a U.S. Department of Energy memo reported by the Denver Post in December, the number of workers it takes to change a light bulb, on a certain vital safety system at the Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant, is 43, requiring 1,087.1 person-hours.

The New York Times reported in April that Kansas lawyers Michael Harris and Fletcher Bell were successful in filing worker compensation claims for back injuries suffered at work: Harris got almost \$35,000 for the strain of reaching into the backseat of his car for his briefcase from the trunk of his car.

The District of Columbia Bar Association suspended lawyer Willard C. McBride in April but rejected a more severe penalty. The bar found that McBride engaged in "fraud, deceit, and misrepresentation" in an improper scheme to obtain a passport but said a more severe penalty was not warranted in that McBride's offense was not one of "moral turpitude."

In August, police in Berkeley, Calif., investigating a robbery, got a trip from a witness as to the license plate of the get-

away car, which turned out to be a rental car. They staked out the rental car agency, and the next day, the robbers were arrested when they returned the car to get their deposit back.

THE WEIRDO-AMERICAN COMMUNITY

During a nationally televised August pre-season game, Denver Bronco defensive tackle Darren Drozov, who was in his stance opposite the offensive center awaiting the snap, vomited on the ball. Afterward, he told reporters, "I get sick a lot. I was a quarterback in high school, and I'd start throwing up on my center's back. I don't have a lot of control out there."

I DON'T THINK SO

Randy Braverman mounted a challenge in August to the California department of motor vehicles' attempt to take away his vanity license plate after the agency had taken a second look at it. Braverman says his plate, "UKFA UYA," is not Pig Latin but rather is Unified Kids for a United Young America.

CAMPUS
EVENTS
CALENDAR

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Today 30

7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.—United Way Breakfast, BSC 310.

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Koinonia lunch, basement of Stegge Hall, (Apt. B).

Noon to 1 p.m.—LDSSA, BSC 313.

Tomorrow 1

12:45 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.—Custodial Staff Meeting, BSC 306.

2:30 p.m.—Lions Volleyball vs. University of Nebraska-Kearney in the Missouri Western State College Invitational, St. Joseph.

2 p.m.—Lions Soccer vs. Oklahoma City University in Southern Nazarene University's Coca-Cola Classic, Bethany, Okla.

Saturday 2

1:30 p.m.—Lions Football vs. Northeast Missouri State University, Hughes Stadium.

Lions Volleyball at Missouri Western State College Invitational, St. Joseph.

Lions Soccer at Southern Nazarene University's Coca-Cola Classic, Bethany, Okla.

Sunday 3

7 p.m.—Wesley Foundation presents "Sunday Nite Live," Newman Road United Methodist Church.

Monday 4

Noon—"HIGHER Education," play presented by Recovery Productions, Webster Auditorium.

3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Phi Eta Sigma, BSC 311.

4 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Greek Council, BSC 314.

4 p.m. to 7 p.m.—Sigma Nu, BSC 313.

Tuesday 5

Noon to 1 p.m.—LDSSA, BSC 313.

Noon to 1 p.m.—Newman Club, BSC 306.

Noon to 1 p.m.—Ecumenical Campus Ministries, BSC 314.

Noon to 1 p.m.—College Republicans, BSC 311.

12:20 p.m.—Phi Beta Lambda, Matthews Hall 102.

5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.—Omicron Delta Kappa, BSC 310.

7 p.m.—Koinonia, College Heights Christian Church.

7 p.m.—Lions Volleyball vs. Oral Roberts University, Tulsa.

7 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Career Fair Reception, Connor Ballroom, BSC.

Wednesday 6

8 a.m. to Noon—College Republicans Bake Sale, Lions' Den.

10 a.m. to 11 a.m.—Career Fair Brunch, Connor Ballroom, BSC.

11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.—Career Fair, Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium.

Noon—Baptist Students, BSC 311.

3 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Campus Activities Board meeting, BSC 310.

5:30 p.m.—Student Senate, BSC 310.

7 p.m.—Lions Soccer vs. Oral Roberts University, Tulsa.

NOT IN VEIN



Rose Anna McGuire, volunteer for the American Red Cross, takes blood from Jeremy McCutcheon, junior biology major, Monday during the annual Student Nurses' Association bloodmobile in the Billingsly Student Center. Eighty-three pints of blood were collected, surpassing the goal of 70 pints.

T. ROB BROWN/The Chart

-MARTI GRAS MADNESS-

Campus events now underway

Highlights include parade, picnic, bonfire

By SUSAN WATERS

STAFF WRITER

With Homecoming just weeks away, 34 candidates for king and queen are preparing for the big day.

Mardi Gras is the theme this year for all of the events.

"We suggest using music, costumes, food, New Orleans-style funerals, and almost anything unusual to fit the theme," said Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities.

Ten king and queen finalists will be announced on Tuesday, Oct. 12.

To determine the finalists, students will vote for their favorite candidate from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 7 and Friday, Oct. 8.

The election booth will move around to different buildings on

campus in order to make the voting process more accessible to all students.

The final elections will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 13 and Thursday, Oct. 14.

The homecoming royalty will be announced at noon, Friday, Oct. 22 during the day's events.

The talent show will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18 in the Connor Ballroom of the Billingsly Student Center.

"We usually get about 15 to 20 entries for this event," Carlisle said. "The talent is real talent, not someone just entering for fun. We get piano players, jugglers, comedians, vocalists, and skits."

A bonfire is slated for Tuesday, Oct. 19. A band, The Rhythm Corps, will give a free concert.

"They had a single out a few years ago called 'Common Ground,' which many students are probably familiar with," Carlisle said. "We were fortunate to book them."

The yell contest should be "wild," she said. A prize of \$100

will go to the person with the best yell.

The yell contest will take place during the bonfire.

Free sundaes will be served Wednesday, Oct. 20 at the BSC.

"There will be as many toppings as we can think of," Carlisle said.

Food is also the theme for the all-campus picnic scheduled from 10:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The picnic is free to any student, faculty, or staff member with an ID. Anyone else will be charged \$3.

A Homecoming dance will be held from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 22 at the Hammons Center.

CFox and Company will provide the music.

The homecoming parade will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 23 on Main Street. The route is from 12th Street to 3rd Street.

The Homecoming game is scheduled for 2:30 p.m., with the football Lions battling the Emporia State Hornets.

The pre-game ceremony for the royalty will begin at 2 p.m.

By SUSAN WATERS

STAFF WRITER

International
Club provides
cultural
exchanges

The International Club provides a means of international interaction between students attending Missouri Southern through cross-cultural exchange.

This organization offers aid and support to the foreign students attending Southern in the transition to American college life.

"We did an orientation session already this year," said Judy Bastian, faculty adviser. "It attempts to provide some of the rules and regulations from the

[U.S.] government."

The membership is open to all full-time students. Dues are \$2 and will cover costs for special activities.

Last year Dr. Rebecca Spracklen, assistant professor of English, gave a presentation about her travels around the world. Bill Carter, assistant professor of communications, showed slides from Mongolia. Atsuko Ohira, a senior business major, demonstrated origami and instruments from Japan.

"We would like to plan small events like bowling and golf," Bastian said. "On a large scale, we would like to have speakers

-CAB LECTURE-

One man's story

Speaker to focus on gays in the U.S. military

By PAULA SMITH

CAMPUS EDITOR

Gays in the military will be the topic of a lecture presented by the Campus Activities Board at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7 in the Connor Ballroom of the Billingsly Student Center.

Tom Paniccia, former staff sergeant in the U.S. Air Force, will present the lecture.

"The issue has been in the news recently," said Amy Love, CAB lecture coordinator. "I thought people might want to know about it."

Paniccia was relieved of duty Oct. 7, 1992, after he revealed he was gay on "Good Morning America."

Paniccia is now fighting a court battle to be readmitted

He said his case is one of more than 16,000 where people have been discharged from the military due to their homosexuality. He pointed out that that figure does not include persons who were discharged on a technicality but were actually discharged because they were gay.

"I could continue to live a lie and stay in the closet, or I could be honest and open about who I was and not fear recrimination," he said.

"I thought 'This is ridiculous. No citizen should be forced to make this choice.'"

Paniccia said he was disappointed with President Bill Clinton's middle-of-the-road policy on gays in the military.

"He cut his losses and moved on," he said. "Principles mean absolutely nothing in politics unless you follow through with action."

While in the military, Paniccia said he never disobeyed rules or orders, except one. He said, by being gay, he

"Every person, no matter from what walk of life they come from, has a time in their life when they have a choice to stand up and be counted for or be ignored. This is my time."

— Tom Paniccia

to the Air Force, and the case could go to the U.S. Supreme Court.

He filed a lawsuit on Nov. 17, 1992, against the U.S. Department of Defense and the U.S. Air Force.

"The issue [of gays in the military] became a power play," Paniccia told *The Chart*.

"It's taken on such a nasty direction, filled with hatred and bigotry on the part of members of Congress."

The lawsuit questions the constitutionality of the ban on homosexuals in the military. It cites the Fifth Amendment's equal protection under the law clause.

"Every person, no matter from what walk of life they come from, has a time in their life when they have a choice to stand up and be counted for or be ignored," Paniccia said. "This is my time."

was breaking a policy.

"I've done nothing wrong," he said. "I just want to serve."

Paniccia said he was penalized for being honest.

"Being truthful, honest, and maintaining my personal integrity—traits that the military instilled in me—is what got me in trouble."

Paniccia's lecture will consist of three points. First, he focuses on what has happened in the news concerning gays in the military. Next, he shares stories about himself and others who were gays in the military.

He ends his lecture by taking questions from the audience.

CAB is paying Paniccia \$3,000 to speak, Love said.

Time magazine and *USA Today* have featured articles on Paniccia. He has also appeared on ABC, NBC, and CNN.

Leon a few years ago," Bastian said.

These families provide students with an opportunity to gain insight into life in the Joplin area. They give the families an opportunity to learn about life elsewhere.

"The families might take the student to a ball game," she said. "The student can find out what the interior of an American house looks like and how holidays are celebrated."

An International directory is currently being compiled.

Anyone interested in being included in the directory may contact Bastian at Ext. 555.

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REVIEW

Performance holds many 'cute' tales

Author conveys volunteers' role in the Salvation Army

By P.J. GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

Whatever anyone may want to say about author Robert Fulghum, it must be admitted that the man is inspirational.

After all, not many people can lead a group of more than 800 people in humming Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, as he did last Thursday night in Taylor Auditorium.

Whatever might be said about Fulghum, he is touching. How many people turn the tables around and take pictures of their audience so they can hang the pictures above their desk so they won't feel lonely when writing in their solitary work-space?

But be warned: Fulghum is also unconnected; the stitches holding his performance together are far apart and sometimes barely holding the seams in one piece. Most of his little piece-of-life stories are cute, but some were too cute and he left them all in the air as to exactly what their role was in his performance.

Fulghum, author of *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, *It Was on Fire When I Lay Down On It*, *Uh-Oh*, and *Maybe (Maybe Not)*, gave a speaking performance which ranged from light and delightful to tedious and boring to his book fans.

Looking something between Wilford Brimley (of the Quaker Oats fame) and Santa Claus, it is easy to think of Fulghum as someone you know. His personable style certainly adds to the familiarity which is felt when watching the writer/ex-teacher give his spiel.

There are no high-tech dramatics to woo the observer—just Fulghum and his three chairs and two stools. These tend to come in handy demonstrating his different stories: lined up like in a doctor's office, arranged to show how his high school students played musical chairs, or stood on to imitate the time he directed an orchestra.

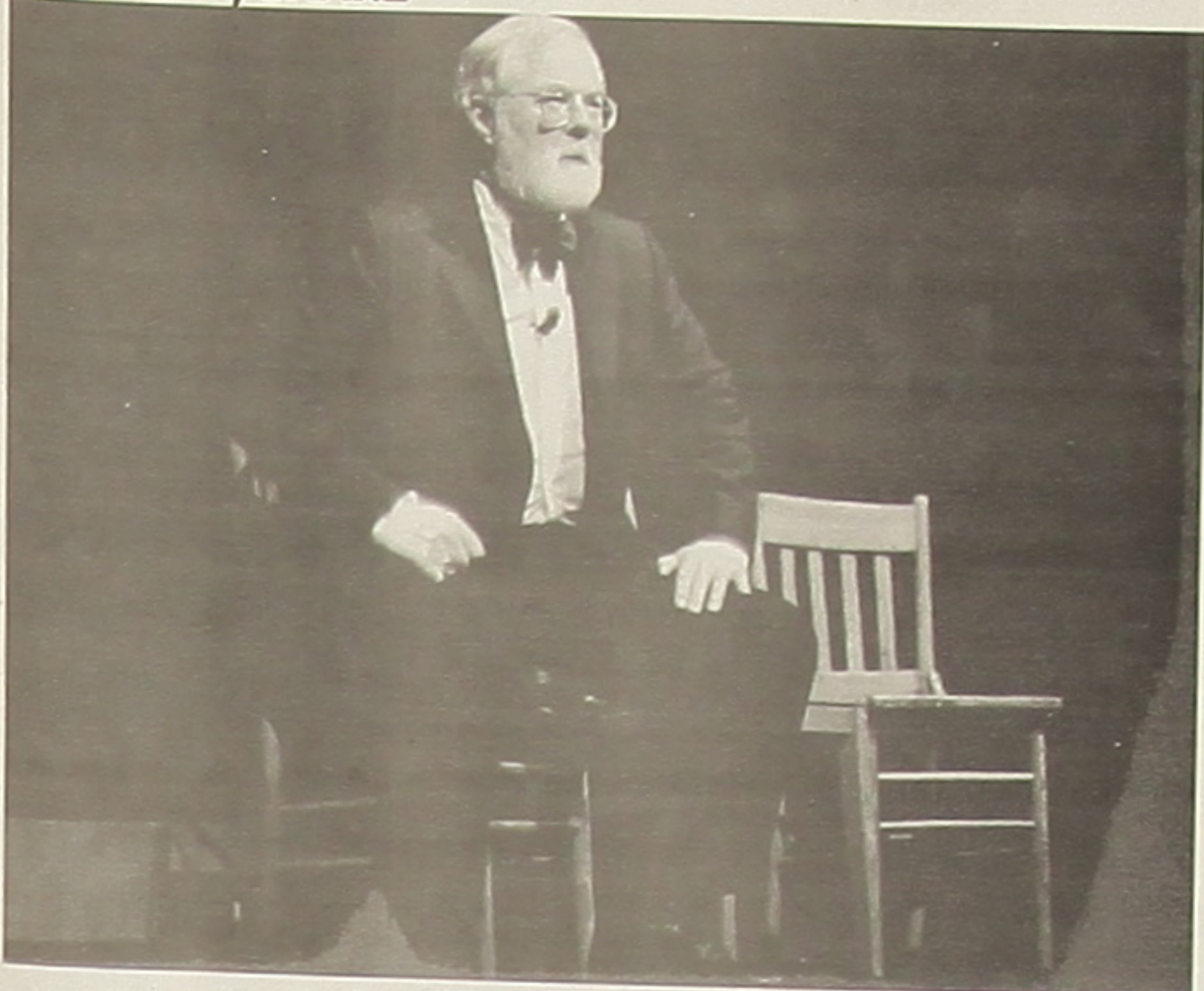
But no amount of demonstrating will keep things from getting dull and dry after hearing about the little boy who decided to create himself a role as a pig in Cinderella and the man with Alzheimer's disease who thought it was Christmas several times a year. A person can only take so many cute stories in one night.

Fulghum shoots these stories off like a loose cannon and then cheats by capping them with a nice and sweet "play fair" and "be good to your community" type of sap.

He belittles his entire building-up for a nice and easy ending.

Also, several of his sketches of life border on cheesy—despite his claim that he has toned

PLAY FAIR, SHARE



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Robert Fulghum, author of *All I Needed To Know I Learned In Kindergarten*, entertained more than 800 people during the benefit performance for the Salvation Army in the Taylor Performing Arts Center.

down many of the stories because "real life," as he says, is more outlandish than most made-up fiction.

Overall, Fulghum's delivery is best described as subtle. He is generally quiet and does not get too bouncy on the stage. Most of his movement is restricted to

shuffling the chairs around the stage floor and gentle hand gestures.

The only topic he seemed strong about was volunteerism—specifically talking of the Salvation Army. If he actually accomplished anything aside from book sales, he most

likely persuaded attendees to volunteer for the Salvation Army or some other charitable organization.

Despite having a popular following for his books, Fulghum's performance lacked some charm and completely turned to mush at the end.

DEBATE

Flood limits tournament showing

Road closings keeps several members home

By HONEY SCOTT
STAFF WRITER

Floods kept the individual events debate team at home last weekend.

Although the debate team was able to compete at Johnson County Community College's forensics tournament, the individual events team was not able to attend.

"Our team and some people coming up from further south were advised by the highway patrol not to travel because of the flooding," said Eric Morris, forensics coach.

Members planning to attend were Curt Gilstrap, junior marketing major; Kim Lawry, sophomore history major; Shannon Lightfoot, junior English major; and Heather Gann, freshman undecided major.

Four debate teams competed last weekend.

"Everyone had the record to break, but only one team had

the speaker points to do so," Morris said.

Ken Delaughder, senior communications major; and Paul Hood, senior English major; competed in the open division and came within one speaker point of breaking to the octofinal round. Members of the team said the judging was suspect in several instances.

"I was somewhat disappointed in our records; however, all of our JV teams including the one that broke had never seen a tournament before, so there's a lot of learning going on," Morris said. "Anytime it's your first time to do something, some people do real well and some don't."

"The first tournament is always real interesting," he added. "We're learning a lot of new things. It was an eye opener for everyone."

Three junior varsity teams competed. Shelley Newton, junior accounting major; teamed up with John YBarra, a freshman undecided major who was a true novice, never having competed in even a high school debate tournament.

Gary Crites, freshman political science major; and Dan Butler, political science major;

made up the second team.

Jason Newton, junior communications major; and Jennifer Hurn, freshman undecided major; broke to octofinals and lost to an Emporia State University team that finished second overall.

"Friday night we focused a great deal of attention on getting them ready for the next day," Morris said. "I think they got a sense for what the process is like."

This weekend the debate squad will take two teams to an open tournament at Central Missouri State University.

"We will be trying to couple older members with junior varsity students, but we haven't decided who the teams will be," Morris said.

Delaughder, Hood, Jason Newton, and Shelley Newton will be participating this weekend.

"This is a small tournament, and the judging pool is rather weak," Morris said. "With the exception of that, we should win."

"There shouldn't be a team there that we shouldn't be able to trounce."

JOPLIN LITTLE THEATRE

'Odd Couple' tryouts set to begin Sunday

Neil Simon's play *The Odd Couple* is coming to Joplin Little Theatre Nov. 17 through Nov. 21.

Auditions have been set for 7:30 p.m. Sunday and Monday at the JLT Park Playhouse, 3008 W. First Street.

There are six male roles available, ages 25 and older, and two female roles, ages late 20s to late 30s.

The two main characters are Felix and Oscar.

There are also four card-playing buddies and the Pigeon sisters.

"We encourage all interested persons to audition," said Linda Priester, director.

Priester is a former Missouri Southern student. This is the third play she has directed for JLT.

"Anyone interested in being on the technical crew, doing make-up, costuming, or set construction, please attend auditions or call the theatre at 623-3630, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday," Priester said. "Rehearsals start Oct. 5. They usually run Monday through Friday, 7 to 10 p.m. We will work around people's schedules for rehearsals."

"The play takes a lighthearted look at a serious situation—two men getting through a divorce."

Other upcoming performances this season for the JLT include the musicals *Meet Me in St. Louis*, Rogers and Hammerstein's *The King and I*, and the play *Picnic*.

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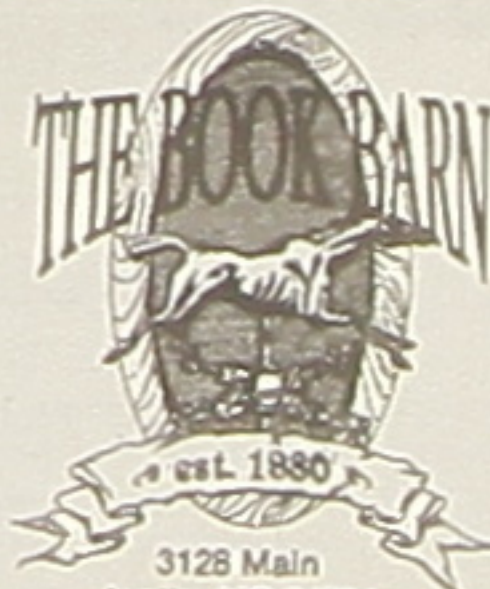
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Michael Gurley, senior education major at Missouri Southern, and a paramedic with the Newton County Ambulance Service checks the supplies and equipment in his unit at Freeman Hospital.

-BUSINESS GROWTH-

Wal-Mart, Lowes to open new stores in October

Retailers to hire 450 employees for Range Line locations

By KEVIN McCLINTOCK
STAFF WRITER

Two major retail stores will open their doors later this year in Joplin.

Wal-Mart and Lowes will open in early November and late October, respectively. Both stores hope to make a large impact on the four-state market.

After many years, Wal-Mart decided to move its Seventh and Range Line location, a building that housed the store for nearly 25 years.

Kelly Young, store manager,

said the decision to vacate the premises was made because the need to serve the wants of the customers simply out-grew the walls of the timeworn building.

"We decided, with the volume of work we were having to handle, the building just wasn't adequate for our needs," Young said.

"The aisle space was too narrow, there wasn't enough room for the amount of materials we were bringing in, and the cleanliness of the store was becoming a major factor."

The whole package wasn't up to our standards."

Simply because the store is moving a couple hundred feet south does not mean the new Wal-Mart will be a clone. Young said the new store will feature brand-new services to the customer unlike other Joplin-area Wal-Marts.

"Several features are brand-new, like the one-hour photo station and an eye-vision center," Young said.

"American Studios will also have an in-store lab. Usually, they come only once a week and we have to scrounge up space for them to set up. But now, they'll have their own place on a daily

basis. "Another added feature is what we call the TBO, or tires, batteries, and oil. Customers will now be able to get their oil changed or tires rotated right there at the store."

Young says he and the 300-plus future employees are excited about the grand opening.

"We're very happy about getting this new building and can't wait to move inside, not only for ourselves but for the customers as well," he said. "I think Joplin is really going to enjoy this facility."

Though the Wal-Mart store came as no surprise to most area residents, the behemoth structure under construction at

2600 Range Line, soon to be Lowes, was.

Not only does its 115,000-square feet make it the largest store in Joplin, it is only the second Lowes built in Missouri so far.

Rob Lawrence, Lowes store manager, said Joplin was chosen over many Missouri cities for several reasons.

"Joplin, Mo., is a booming city," Lawrence said, "and because of her growth and substantial number of older homes located throughout Joplin and the surrounding area, it makes the situation for us so much better. We couldn't pass it down."

Lowes hopes to target Joplin's "weekend remodeler" population

Midwest appears to be on the rise.

Barbara Calwhite of Charles Shupp Realty said the largest reason Joplin is attracting people from all parts of the country is not the dirt-cheap prices, but rather Joplin's tax structure.

"I've had many people from out-of-state come in and ask me about our taxes, and I'll tell them \$450," she said. "They always ask me if that's the tax price for a month, and I'll say no, for the whole year."

"A lot of people are used to paying \$250 to \$300 a month on property taxes, so it boggles the mind when they find out it's \$450 a year on a \$100,000 house."

And with the new administration in Washington, Calwhite believes Joplin's housing fortunes can only improve in the near future.

"We'll have to wait and keep our fingers crossed to see how the new legislation moves and how their motions will affect the market," Calwhite said. "Being a Democratic Congress and presidency, I think they'll tend to have a more liberal outlook upon things. That move, I believe, will be very successful."

-NORTH PARK MALL-

New shops keep space occupied

By TODD HIGDON
STAFF WRITER

Northpark Mall is opening a variety of new stores in its nearly 1 million square-foot shopping complex by Nov. 1.

"The mall is adding eight new stores," said Georgia Turner, marketing director.

"The new Musicland opened the weekend of Sept. 24, while Coffee and Tea Co., Gadzook's, J. Riggins, Believer's Connection, and Glamour Shots opened a few weeks ago."

Suncoast Pictures, Kirkland's, and Pretzel Time will open in the next few weeks. Kirkland's is a specialty store and will be located in the old Rice's location.

Pretzel Time will be located next to LensCrafters.

"What we like about these stores is that they are a good addition to the mall," Turner said.

The Heer's store should be closing by Nov. 1, with that

percent," she said. "The average mall leasing is 84 to 85 percent nationwide."

The mall has 1,500 employees, including 1,000 full time workers. "The mall is up 7 percent in

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space used through the holidays as a customer service center.

"The Heer's space will include [through the holidays] a gift-wrap desk and stroller-rental service," Turner said. "The current occupancy of the mall is 87

sales [this year]," Turner said. "We have always had a steady gain every year."

The company that manages Northpark Mall, General Growth, manages 75 other malls in the United States.

-JOPLIN REGIONAL AIRPORT-

Aviation takes spotlight this weekend

By KEVIN McCLINTOCK
STAFF WRITER

Anything from military helicopters to model airplanes can be found at the Joplin Regional Airport's fifth annual open house on Saturday.

Since 1989, the airport has opened both its gates and off-limit facilities to the general public for a seven-hour peek into the world of modern aviation. A look into a world, said Steve Stockam, airport manager, that is rarely ever seen by aviation enthusiasts today.

"The open house allows the general public to come in and look at the facilities, see airplanes up close and personally, and experience first-hand what

the technicians feel up in the control tower when airplanes prepare to take off or land," Stockam said. "There are a lot of people out there who don't fly regularly or don't have an opportunity to fly regularly but have a deep interest in aviation, so this gives them a chance to take a look around and see what goes on."

An assortment of civilian aircraft, several hot-air balloons, and a vintage DC-3 will be among the displays available.

Also present will be three flight simulators that will allow the public to sit down and practice taking off and landing a huge commercial jet-liner. St. John's Regional Medical Center's advanced "Med-Life" helicopter will also be available for inspection.

"We have scheduled some military aircraft—a Huey and Chinook helicopter and a C-130—for the open house, yet we're never, ever confirmed of these aircraft until right up prior to the show, so it's anyone's guess if they'll decide to show up or not," Stockam said.

There will also be model aircraft demonstrations throughout the day. Tours of the hangars, aircraft, and the control tower itself will be given. The most popular feature from last year's show will also be brought back for 1993.

"Mizzou Aviation will be giving airplane rides throughout the day, and last year this attraction was very popular," Stockam said.

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CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Shields brings experience back to Southern

Grad enjoys 'seeing the light come on' in young children

By JENNIFER CAMPBELL
CHART REPORTER

If I could, I'd love to be someone's favorite toy or storybook," said Lisa Shields, head teacher of Missouri Southern's child development center.

Shields, 23, graduated from Southern in May with a degree in elementary education and joined the staff in August.

"When I was offered the job in May, I turned it down," she said. "I changed my mind when I was contacted by Dr. [Rosanne] Joyner three days before the beginning of the semester."

Shields has always tried to include children in her life.

"I've done everything from babysitting in a two-room log cabin that had only electricity and cold running water to going to London, England, for four weeks to teach vacation Bible school for children ages 2-6," she said.

While in England she had quite a few adventures, ranging from getting lost in downtown London during the height of tourist season to being on a train that had been sabotaged.

"We had just gotten off a nine-

hour flight and had boarded a train which was supposed to take us to Sherwood Forest," she said. "After about an hour the train stopped. The conductor told us the train had been sabo-

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— Lisa Shields

tagged and there would be an indefinite wait.

There we were with about 30 young children stuck in an unmoving car. And, of course, all the kids were tired, cranky, and had to go to the bathroom. It was awful."

Shields, a Joplin native, loves working with children of all ages but particularly young children.

"Seeing the light come on when they understand, seeing the mischief in their eyes when they get caught. It's wonderful," she said tugging on her glasses.

"You have to be careful, though. You influence them so

much. They say the things you say and do the things you do. They're growing up so fast you have to be conscious of everything you do and how you act because they pick up on everything."

One of her fondest memories is of teaching.

"I was student teaching and I had first grader who had a

crush on me. He was a 30-year-old trapped in a 7-year-old body. I told him I was leaving the next day. He was very upset. The next day out on the playground he put something in my pocket and told me not to look until I got home," she said smiling wistfully.

"It turned out to be a red rubber heart that said 'I Love You.' I still carry it in my purse."

Her philosophy of life is to "believe there is something good in each day; you just have to look for it. You may not realize it until a few days later, but the good will be there. If you can't find any good, you didn't look

hard enough."

Shields chose to work at Southern because she had completed her practicum in Early Childhood Education here.

"It is an ideal center which meets the state's requirements; it has to," she said.

Her background includes working three years at the Mercy Discover Center at St. John's Regional Medical Center helping to take care of children ages 4 to 14, for the last 10 years teaching children ages 1-12 to 5 at her church, student teaching at Webb City, and completing the practicum at Southern.

In the next 10 years, Shields hopes to marry, start a family, move to New England, complete a doctorate, and begin teaching at the college level. To relax, she reads, swims, walks, writes, and plays with her dogs: Webster, a cocker spaniel, and Mickey, a German shepherd.

"They're just like kids," she said, "only furrier."

She believes she has many adventures ahead of her, including "skydiving or parachuting; I've always wanted to try."

Shields wants to accomplish many things, but believes her biggest accomplishment would be "if I made a difference."

"Even if it was just one child and I made his life better, I would be totally satisfied."

NAP TIME



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Lisa Shields reads a nap-time story to 3-year-old Aly Wilbert of Carverville Monday at the College's child development center.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Schweizer helps re-educate Argentineans about culture

By DIANE VOLK
CHART REPORTER

Jack of all trades and master of none? Not in this case. Rodolfo C. Schweizer, assistant professor of communications, has mastered more trades than most.

Born in Argentina, he has been an electrical engineer in Saudi Arabia, a science teacher in Argentina, and a free-lance writer and a foreign news correspondent in both Argentina and the United States. But his biggest challenge to date has been trying to reeducate the people of Argentina to their culture.

"The province where I was born is like an island in the middle of Argentina," he said. "Fifty percent speak Spanish, and the other 50 percent speak Queshua, the language of the Incas."

Schweizer was not born in a cosmopolitan area, but in Santiago del Estero, the oldest city and province of Argentina. Because of this he believes he was spared the "always looking to Europe" culture which gave him a strong pride in the traditional values and an appreciation of the Spanish and Indian ways.

"These people have to learn to love their land, their country, and their culture and not think they are not part of the culture," he said.

Schweizer adds that every-



Rodolfo C. Schweizer

one in Argentina "wants to be someone."

"I am somebody if I look French, I am somebody if I look American, but I am nobody if I look Latin American," he said.

Schweizer says he is saddened "that the people in the cosmopolitan areas [of Argentina] do not think of themselves as Argentinean or Latin Americans—they are European. When they say that they are European they are missing their own culture."

Before moving to Joplin in August, Schweizer and his family lived in Philadelphia, where he taught at Temple University. His wife, Amalia, and his

daughter, Melina, are here with him, and his son, Frederico, is a junior at Mississippi State.

"I wanted to live in a small city and teach at a university where you were not anonymous," he said. "At universities in big cities you don't get to know anyone; you are just a face."

Because writing is one of the things he enjoys most, he will continue to write about the culture and society of his homeland.

"I would like to write for a newspaper here and continue my writing," Schweizer said.

BUSINESS OFFICE

Singing was her first love

By ARICA WHITEMIRE
CHART REPORTER

Don't take out student loans if you don't need them; you just have to pay them back," says Debbie Cash.

Cash, a 1985 Missouri Southern graduate, has been head cashier here since June.

"I chose my field because I was good at math," she said. "I was a member of the Math League at Diamond High School for four years."

Cash was active throughout high school. She was a member of speech and debate, the National Forensic League, the National Honors Society, president of student council, and second in her graduating class. Though Cash was active in extracurricular activities in high school, her love was singing.

"I wanted to be a singer," she said. "I was a soloist in high school and I sang alto and soprano."

Before being a cashier, Cash worked as a bookkeeper at a trucking company for five years.

"People in the trucking industry are interesting people to work with," she said.

Cash lives in Diamond with the husband and drives about 20 miles to and from work everyday. She said meeting her husband was the moment that changed her life.

"To have kids and do the best in my job are my goals," she says.

Although she does not have any children now, she says five years from now she sees herself

CASH TAKES THE CASH



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Debbie Cash, head cashier in Missouri Southern's business office, collects money from a student for a recent parking ticket.

with a baby and still working at Southern.

"I came to Southern for better job opportunities," Cash said.

Her hobbies and interests include crafts, cross stitch, and sewing. Her most recent hobby is golf.

"I like to travel," Cash said. "I've been to all but 13 states."

She said if she could go anywhere, she would most like to visit Australia.

Although Cash said she does not have a favorite charity, she is a volunteer teacher for 2- and 3-year-olds at her church.

Cash said she likes to collect

bells. "I have about 50 bells. They range in size and shape. I like the strange and unusual ones the best."

She said she had just started a new hobby. She has begun collecting Mickey Mouse memorabilia.

"I really like Mickey Mouse," Cash said, "although all I have so far is a watch and a rhinestone pendant in the shape of Mickey."

Cash said her role models were her parents.

"My parents were hard working and loving people."

ART DEPARTMENT

Computer talent allows Lance to keep pace with advancing technology



Joan Lance

By BRAD KING
CHART REPORTER

Keeping in step with the ever-changing computer field gives Joan Lance an edge. Speaking of her job, Lance, secretary for the art department, instantly responds: "Anything to do with the personal computer."

"I've made major strides on P.C.s," Lance said. "When I started on P.C.s in 1983 nobody had them and nobody knew much about them."

Lance gained her knowledge of computers through trial and error.

"I learned to ask questions over the phone," she said smiling, "and to write everything down."

She went on to explain that at

the time companies billed at least \$35 an hour for service calls.

Lance's ability to correct problems has been important to her career.

"Every place I have been has had a P.C., and they've wanted me to take care of it."

When a problem has arisen she is often called to help.

"Joan'll do it, they say," she said laughing.

Her on-going work with computers encouraged her to take additional courses. She has degrees from both Missouri Southern and Crowder College.

"I've got a degree in programming, though I don't really enjoy programming," Lance said.

She sees many changes ahead for the computer field.

"They've just scratched the

surface; I think they have a long way to go. As far as storage and speed, they are experimenting too much. It's going to change every six months. Eventually, you will have mainframe power in the size of a suitcase."

Her plans for the future include teaching.

"I would like to teach software. I haven't forgotten what it was like the first time I was on a P.C."

She expands by saying some workplace tutors have forgotten what it was like when they were starting out and fail to demonstrate basic steps.

"I've been told I'm a good teacher."

She is quick to point out, however, that she would not want to teach at the junior high or high school level.

"I'd rather teach people who want to learn, not just people who are there because they had to have a class."

Lance admits that computers are not all business to her.

"The games are getting so good now," she said. "The graphics are so much better, it's wonderful. I could play all day."

She says her relationship with the art department faculty is good.

"I feel that they recognize my ability," Lance said. "It used to be that a secretary was someone who typed and got your coffee. I hated being called a secretary. That's all changed now. I'm very important to his department."

Lance, who is single, comes from Joplin. She has traveled throughout the four-state area and lived briefly in Arizona.

GOLF SBU takes MSSC Classic

William Jewell Invitational up next for Lions

By JEFFREY SLATTON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Southwest Baptist University posted five scores under 75 and easily won the MSSC Classic Monday at Schifferdecker Municipal Golf Course.

SBU's Nigel Harris was the medalist, shooting a one-under-par 70 to win the individual award. Adrian Carey and Kevin Cribbs each shot a 72, and Brad Heavin came in with a 75 to round out the Bearcats' first-place finish.

"That's really good shooting on their part," said Larry Clay, Missouri Southern head coach, "especially with all the rain we had over the weekend."

Pittsburg State's No. 1 team finished second in the event, and Southern's No. 1 team tied Penn Valley Community College for third.

"The greens were really choppy out there," said junior Scott Stettes, who shot an 83.

Clay said the recent bad weather turned what is normally an easy course into a more difficult one.

"With all of the rain that we've had lately, the course played pretty tough," he said.

There was also a strong wind blowing throughout the afternoon, but Clay said that shouldn't have been a factor.

"This course is pretty short, so the windy conditions shouldn't hamper the play," he said.

Southern's No. 1 team was led for the second consecutive week by freshman Chris Mitchell, who shot a 72.

"Mitchell is really playing

Casey Chalmers, 78; and freshman Tony Armstrong, 81.

Southern also entered two golfers in the individual competition: sophomore Shane Catron, 75; and sophomore Eric Call, 81.

"We had some decent scores, and had we put all the low scores on one team, would have won it," Clay said.

The Lions' next action will come Monday at Claycrest Golf

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Head Coach Larry Clay

steady for us now," Clay said.

Other scores from the No. 1 entry were: senior Trent Stiles, 73; junior Heath Holt, 75; and sophomore Scott Smith, 81.

Southern's No. 2 entry shot a 305, good for sixth place. It was led by freshman Kevin Walker's 75. Other scores were: sophomore Shane Cowger, 76; freshman Jack Pew, 76; freshman

Club in Liberty during the William Jewell College Invitational. Clay said this week his team will continue to work toward qualifying for one of the 10 spots open in the WJC Invitational.

"We are working for more consistency right now," he said. "Overall, I am satisfied with the progress."

PAR PUTT



Junior Scott Stettes putts to save par on the 17th hole of the MSSC Fall Classic Monday at Schifferdecker Municipal Course.

SPORTS COLUMN



Flood water soaks local competition

Rain, rain, go away... With the deluge that soaked the area late last week, nearly every level of local sports had to make major adjustments.

Missouri Southern had to move its scheduled soccer tournament to the artificial surface at Fred G. Hughes Stadium. While the Lions valiantly attempted to do their best University of Tulsa impression (TU plays all its home games on astroturf), it couldn't have been easy. The ball reacts differently on the BaspoGrass-S surface, and slide tackling seems as if it would be just a bit more painful. Anyhow, soccer shouldn't be played on anything other than grass; it just seems unnatural. Maybe that's why indoor soccer can't find a large following in this country.

The football Lions had their share of troubles with the weather, as well. Apparently, the muddy conditions at Southwest Baptist University's Plaster Stadium gave the Lions a little trouble in Saturday's 21-15 win over the Bearcats. After the game, Coach Jon Lantz said he would just as soon not see any more mud this season, and who can blame him? Getting the mud washed off that many uniforms can't be a fun job.

Something tells me Lantz and the boys will be happy to return to the carpet burns and the sand in their pants they find at the Friendly Confines.

But it wasn't just Southern who had to make some changes.

Few of the local high schools could play on Friday night. Even had the fields been ready for play, lots of folks couldn't get there to watch, let alone play.

Most of the games had to be rescheduled for the next day, which sent local media outlets scrambling. Two local TV stations had to come up with something for their late-night high school sports shows. Those games that did manage to get going got more TV time than some Top 20 college teams received the next day.

The worst may have been the Diamond High School versus Oswego (Kan.) High School game. Not only was it postponed, it had to be moved from its original location at Oswego to Diamond, due to the massive flooding in Kansas.

Not that Diamond's field looked too dry; in fact, it reminded me of a mud volleyball court I once graced. (Long story, don't ask.) Oswego couldn't make the adjustment from a home game to a road game and lost 12-6.

But the effect of the flood didn't just end last weekend.

Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, in Miami, had both its baseball and softball diamonds and part of the football stadium left under water.

Something tells me the college has a lot of cleaning up to do before the fall baseball drills. (Not to mention the next home football game.)

Those of us at Southern should be glad someone had the foresight to build everything on the tops of the hills. Except, I guess, the soccer field. But hey, you can't have everything.

With any luck, we will see sunshine all weekend for the Parent's Day festivities. Lots of sunshine.

Chad Hayworth

FOOTBALL Secondary to face toughest hurdle yet Lions' escape with 21-15 win

By JEFFREY SLATTON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The Missouri Southern football secondary will get its biggest challenge of the season Saturday when the Lions host Northeast Missouri State University in a 1:30 p.m. contest at Fred G. Hughes Stadium.

"They are an [MIAA] upper-division team with a scary offense," said Southern Head Coach Jon Lantz. "And I think they've got a better defense than Pittsburg State."

The Bulldogs (2-2, 1-1) ended a two-game losing streak last week with a 38-16 victory over Northwest Missouri State University in the two teams' annual battle for the "Old Hickory Stick."

"The game was a lot closer than the final score," said Northeast Head Coach Eric Holm. "Our defense did a nice job to hold Northwest a couple of times."

In that game, Jarrett Anderson, the Bulldogs' freshman back-up tailback, sparked Northeast with nine rushes for

172 yards and two touchdowns, including runs of 70 and 64 yards. Starting tailback Art Austin also hit the century mark with 113 yards and a touchdown.

Northeast also has a potent passing attack with a University of Missouri transfer, senior Chris Livingstone (64-109, 669 yards), and junior Steven Thompson (20-36, 264 yards) rotating at quarterback.

"It's our first test against anyone that knows how to throw the ball," Lantz said. "It gives us a real challenge for our secondary and pass rush."

"It's kind of like matching up against a mirror image of us," Holm said although his team runs a pro-

style offense, it is looking for a balanced attack.

"We'll do whatever we need to do to win the game, whether that be passing the ball or running," he said.

Lantz said he is concerned, as well, about the Northeast defense.

"I think they are one of the top

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NORTHEAST MISSOURI STATE AT MISSOURI SOUTHERN



WHEN: 1:30 p.m., Saturday
WHERE: Fred G. Hughes Stadium
SERIES: Northeast Mo. St. leads 4-1, including victories in the last three games.
LAST YEAR: Northeast piled up 457 yards in routing the Lions 52-6.
RECORDS: Southern 2-0-1 (2-0), Northeast 2-2 (1-1).
LAST WEEK: Southern beat Southwest Baptist 21-15 at Bolivar. Northeast beat Northwest Mo. St. 38-16 in the annual battle for the Old Hickory Stick.
COACHES: Southern: Jon Lantz (24-18-1, fifth year.) Northeast: Eric Holm (25-13, fourth year.)
LISTEN TO THE LIONS: KFSS-AM 1310.
KKLL 97.9 FM, pregame 1 p.m.
WATCH THE LIONS: K57DR-TV and Missouri Southern Television (Ch. 7), 6 p.m. Sunday.

MAINTAINING CONTROL



Sophomore back Dave Holzum (17) tries to maintain control of the ball during Saturday's 6-0 over Southwest Baptist University at Fred G. Hughes Stadium. Watching the play for the Lions are junior Mike Mathis (13) and junior Sean Briley (back). Wet weather forced the game to be played on astroturf.

SOCCER

Southern falls 3-0 in Shootout finale

Championship game blemished by six yellow cards

By JEFFREY SLATTON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Teikyo-Westmar University used three first-half goals to beat Missouri Southern in the finals of the Southern Shootout Sunday at Fred G. Hughes Stadium.

The tournament had to be moved from the campus soccer field because of the recent wet conditions.

"The back field was under water," said Head Coach George Greenlee. "We would have preferred to play on our normal home field."

"But playing at the stadium saved the tournament."

Greenlee said soccer played on BaspoGrass-S astroturf is different from the game played on natural grass.

"There is no margin of error playing on the turf," he said. "The ball skips so quick, it's a difficult transition to make."

The other problems with the surface at Hughes Stadium is the large crown on the field used to drain water and the size of the field.

"As if playing on the new surface wasn't enough, the crown is unusual for soccer and the surface is smaller than usual," Greenlee said.

In the first game of the tournament Saturday, Southern defeated Southwest Baptist University by the same margin as the Lion football team beat the Bearcats in a 6-0 victory.

"We generally played well in the game," Greenlee said. "It was a good game for us because we hadn't scored in three games."

Southern goal scorers were sophomore Brett Ulrich, senior Chris Schacht, junior Sean Briley, junior Chris Cook (2), and Jorge Pereira. Junior keeper Brian Marlow played the entire game in goal to earn the shutout.

Going into Sunday's title game, Greenlee knew it would be a tough task to take down unbeaten TWU.

"I watched them in their match Saturday, and they looked quite at home playing on the turf," he said.

TWU, with the wind at its back, tallied three first-half goals while allowing Southern (3-5-1) only one shot on goal in posting a 3-0 win.

"In the first half, with the wind the way it was, we had to do everything quickly because we couldn't clear the ball," Greenlee said.

For TWU, Tim Thackeberry scored the first goal at 17:00. Dan McBride scored five minutes later to make it 2-0, and Brandon Ford scored at 37:00 for the final tally.

With the wind in the second

half, the Lions mounted an attack, but couldn't punch it in.

"We dominated in the second half," Greenlee said. "We were trying to increase the pressure with the wind."

The second half was marred by five yellow cards and two red cards. TWU's John Coldren was ejected for a hard trip of the Lions' Chris Coughenour. Coldren's ejection was followed just 15 minutes later by Pereira's ejection for punching a TWU player.

"We did a lot of soul searching through dialogue in practice Tuesday," Greenlee said. "Then we did some more soul searching through some extended running."

"Normally we have a pretty good, clean team. But frustration and a poor referee set the stage for our misconduct."

This weekend, Southern will travel to Bethany, Okla., to compete in the Southern Nazarene University Coca-Cola Classic. The Lions will play Oklahoma City University tomorrow and SNU Saturday.

"These will be two really hard teams for us to beat," Greenlee said. "We play [OCU] on Friday after a long drive, and last year we lost to [SNU] in overtime."

Greenlee said the team has 10 games remaining and still has room for improvement.

"We are due to surprise somebody out there," he said. "But so far we've only surprised ourselves by our play."

Ask The Coach



Debbie Traywick
Head Volleyball Coach

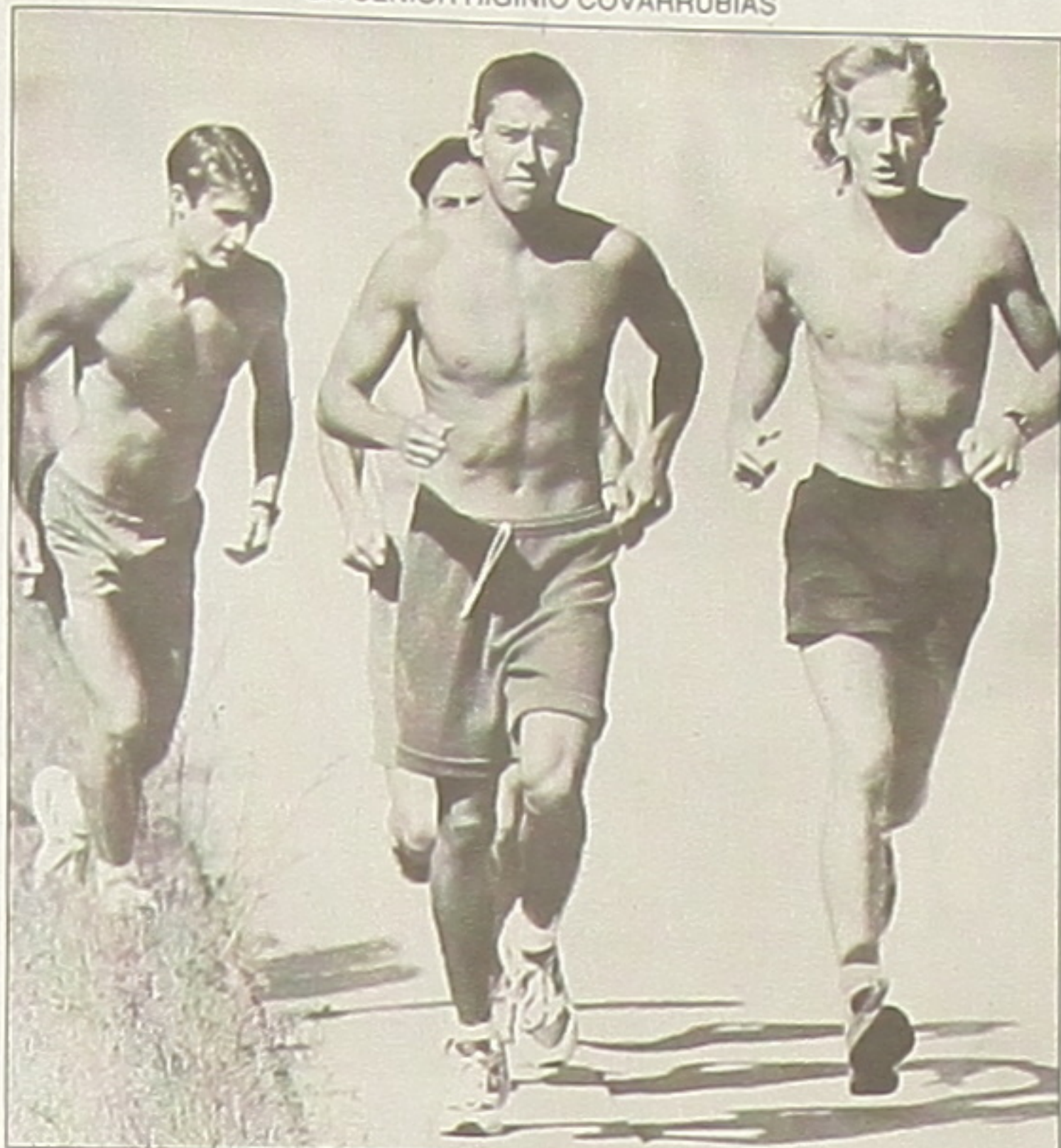
Q: Coach Traywick: Do you like the new double round robin set-up for conference volleyball matches?

A: "THE DOUBLE ROUND ROBIN IS AN EXCELLENT FORMAT. WE GET TO SEE EVERYONE TWICE, WHICH DIDN'T HAPPEN LAST YEAR. THE ONLY DISADVANTAGE IS THAT THE CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP MIGHT BE AWARDED TO A TEAM OVER THE PHONE."

Have a question for one of the Missouri Southern coaches? Send it to Jeffrey Slatton, The Chart, 333 Webster Hall, call 625-9311, or fax it to 625-9742.

"It wasn't easy for him. He has almost folded his tent several times in the last three years. But he stuck in there—success is survival."

Head Coach Tom Rutledge
ON SENIOR HIGINIO COVARRUBIAS



T. ROB BROWN / The Chart

Higinio Covarrubias (center) trains with his Lion teammates during practice.

DETERMINATION

Once walk-on, now senior leader

By P.J. GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

Determination goes a long way toward improvement in many areas, including athletics. Senior cross country runner Higinio Covarrubias has used the trait to establish his place on the team.

Covarrubias joined the team as a walk-on his freshman year after a high school running career.

"I had a lot of determination," he said. "I knew I could run a lot better if I had a good coach, and Coach [Tom Rutledge] is the only one who gave me a chance."

Rutledge said Covarrubias has stuck to his goals despite difficulties. "It wasn't easy for him," he said. "He has almost folded his tent several times in the last three years. But he stuck in there—success is survival."

Covarrubias, from Knob Noster, also walked-on to the Missouri Southern track and field team. As a sophomore, he was made a captain of the men's track and field team and has had a captain's position in one of the two sports since.

Rutledge said the ability of the captains to communicate with him has been the "glue" of the team.

"Higinio was a walk-on, and he earned the right to be a captain; he earned the right to advise the younger ones," Rutledge said. "He

earned all that—that's the best kind of captain to have." Covarrubias said the leadership role on the teams has helped him in other ways.

"When I first came here," he said, "I came here to run. Now, I have to keep my grades up to set a good example."

A biology major, Covarrubias is planning either to attend graduate school or work for the Missouri State Conservation or the National Park Service.

Outside of athletics and school, the runner has not found much time for extracurricular activities other than homework.

"Sometimes we practice three times a day. It's hard to keep up with the homework."

Covarrubias said despite being in both sports, he considers himself more a track and field athlete.

"I can run it (cross country)," he said, "but I run better on the track."

He also considers himself more of a middle-distance runner. But Rutledge sees him improving in the cross country arena.

"He's adapting to the longer race because he is hard working," Rutledge said.

Covarrubias also takes pride in the effort of the entire cross country team.

"People look at us sometimes and say we're not very good, but we're doing the best we can with what we have," he said.

VOLLEYBALL

Southern blanks SBU 3-0

By DAVID BURNETT
STAFF WRITER

Powered by senior outside hitter Sheri Haynes, the volleyball Lady Lions swept Southwest Baptist University in straight sets last night in Young Gymnasium, 15-6, 15-4, 15-0.

Haynes, who came into the match as the MIAA hitter of week, led the Lady Lions with 18 kills and tied for the team lead in digs with nine and aces with two against SBU.

The 5-foot-9 Haynes, from Wheaton, Mo., had 60 kills and hit for a .355 average in four matches last week.

TENNIS

Lady Lions win 7-2 in fall opener

Though her tennis squad downed Labette County Community College 7-2 in its home opener Tuesday, Head Coach Georgina Bodine said the Lady Lions are rusty.

"Well, I was happy with some aspects of the match," she said. "And you can tell that we need quite a bit of work after this match as well."

Bodine said she gave her team some things to work on in the match.

"We were really trying to emphasize getting first serves in," she said. "We were also working on serve returns, and I'd say we are not really where I'd like to be at this point."

Senior Jill Fisher lost the No. 1 singles match 6-4, 6-2 to Wendy Alloway.

"Jill was trying to put all the pace on it and made a few more errors than [her opponent]," Bodine said.

But, the Lady Lions won the other five singles matches to take a 5-1 lead into the doubles competition. Winners were: sophomores Emily Blackwell, Ali Potter, and Stefanie Duncan, and freshmen Holly Hammett and Stacy Jackson.

Southern also took two of three doubles matches.

The Lady Lions travel to Drury College Monday for a match.

"I know that they've had tough teams in the past, but I don't know what new people they've brought in this year," Bodine said.

"Haynes is gaining confidence," said Southern Head Coach Debbie Traywick. "You could see it in her play tonight."

"It was total shock," Haynes said of her MIAA honor. "But I knew I had to not let it disrupt my play for tonight's match."

Southern's control of the match allowed Traywick to experiment with different line-ups and players.

"SBU is young, and our upperclassmen played well, which allowed some of our freshmen an opportunity to play," she said.

Becky Harrell, junior setter, led the team with 27 assists, and senior middle

hitter Lori Fausett led with two solo blocks.

The Lady Lions travel to St. Joseph tomorrow for matches against Northwest Missouri State University and the University of Nebraska-Kearney. Southern lost to Kearney last year in five sets.

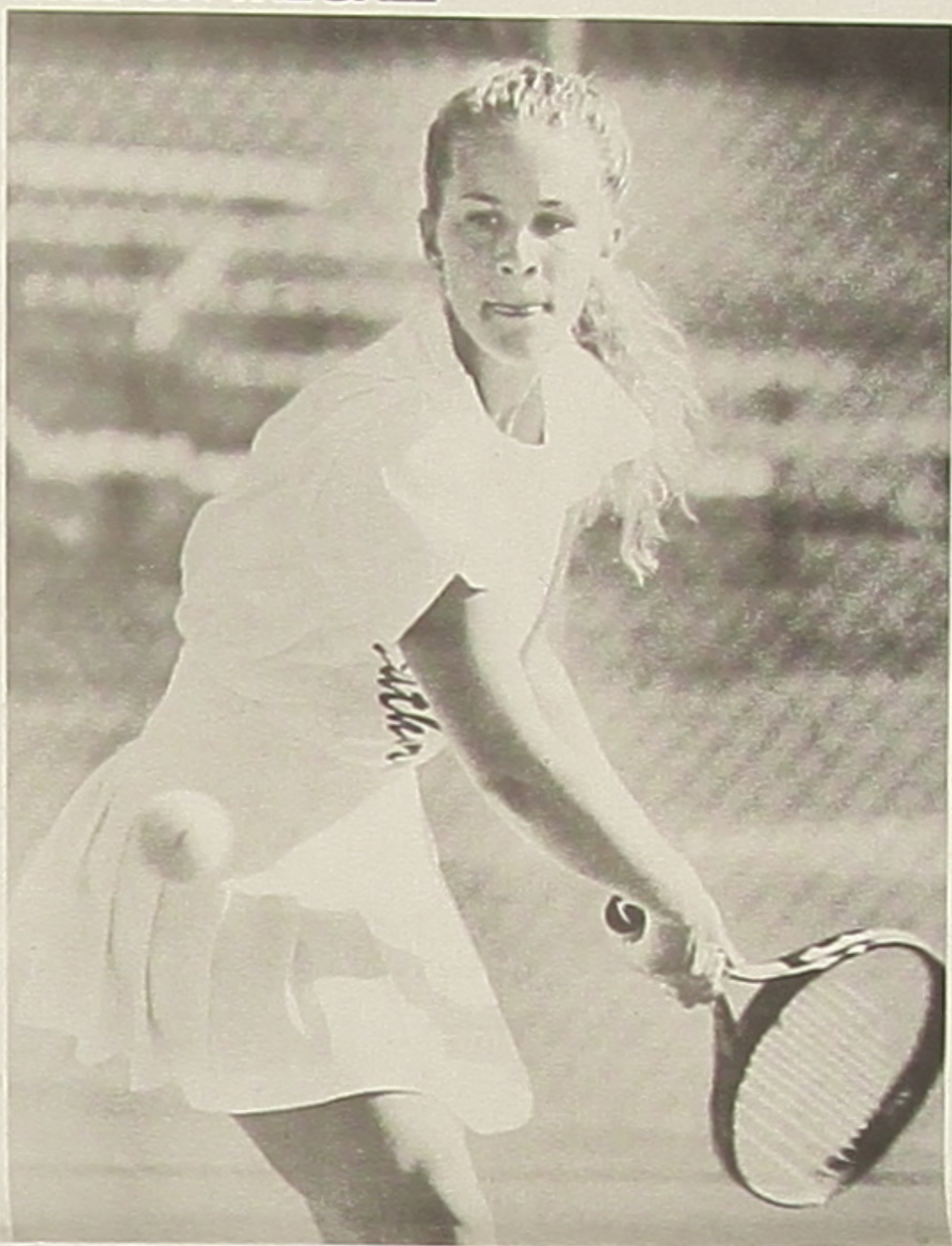
"There is a little bit of revenge there for us against Kearney," Traywick said.

Southern now stands 7-2 in conference play and 10-5 overall.

"Our goal is to get better each time out," Traywick said.

"We do not want to hit a wall and stop improving."

EYES ON THE BALL



T. ROB BROWN/The Chart

Senior Jill Fisher prepares to stroke a backhand during her singles match loss to Wendy Alloway of Labette County Community College. Southern won the match 7-2.

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three defenses in the league; they were last year, too," he said. "The word that comes to mind when you mention Northeast is scrappy. Normally when you use that word, you are referring to an overachieving defense, but these guys are really talented."

Lantz said he is looking for the Lion offense to wake up this week.

"I feel like our offense is a time bomb, just waiting to go off," he said. "I don't know if it will happen this week or not."

"People are used to our offense putting up a lot of points on the board, and we haven't yet."

Last year, Northeast beat Southern 52-6 in Kirksville. Lantz said that game will serve as some inspiration.

"I can't ever remember giving up 50 points in a game before," he said. "Those games will inspire the coaches, and I hope the players, too."

Lantz said Southern was overmatched in that contest.

"They've beaten us three straight, and it was an ugly game last year," he said. "By that time, we had lost 11 starters and had already made our redshirt decisions."

"We had players out there who had no business playing in a college football game."

SOUTHERN 21, SBU 15

Last week, Southern piled up an 18-point lead early in the fourth quarter before surviving a late rally by SBU to

win 21-15.

"I talked too much about us being flat, and I should have just shut my mouth," Lantz said. "I'm not saying I caused it; I just didn't help."

"I should have let them figure it out for themselves."

SBU's Plaster Stadium is normally considered one of the nicest fields in the MIAA conference, but the rainy weather soaked the field and enabled the Bearcats to stay in the game.

"The field was really a great equalizer like I thought it would be," Lantz said. "They played us man-to-man a lot. On a dry field, you won't be able to stay with our receivers man-to-man very often."

FOOTBALL

Southern 21, Southwest Bapt. 15

(Saturday)

LIONS 7-0 7-7-21
S.B.U. 3-0 0-12-15

First Quarter
SBU — Tolbert 27-yard field goal.
LIONS — Rod herring 8-yard pass from Matt Cook (Craig Crader kick)

Second Quarter
NO SCORING

Third Quarter
LIONS — Cook 1-yard run (Crader kick)

Fourth Quarter
LIONS — Jared Kaalohelo 8-yard run (Crader kick)

SBU — Redgie Franklin 2-yard run (run failed).
SBU — Parris 15-yard pass from Hainer (run failed).

TEAM STATISTICS

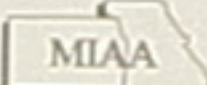
	SBU	MS
First Downs	10	14
Rushing Attempts	48	41
Rushing Yards	92	98
Passing Completions	4	16
Passing Attempts	12	36
Passing Yards	61	247
Return Yards	56	-4
Punts/Yards	10/310	7/220
Fumbles/Lost	7/1	2/1
Penalties/Yards	5/52	9/82

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (At-Yds.): MS: Bland 15-67, Kaalohelo 9/40, Benson 3-7, Posey 2-4, Burton 1-2, Anderson 2-0, Cook 9-22).
SBU: Franklin 24-59, Stone 1-22, McKan 6-19, McManis 5-15, Hainer 2-13).
PASSING (At-Comp-Yds.): MS: Cook 15-32-231, Posey 1-4-16.
SBU: Castleberry 0-5-0, Hainer 4-7-61.
RECEIVING (Rec-Yds.): MS: R. Smith 6-88, Brewer 3-37, Herring 2-28, Sims 2-40, Kaalohelo 2-15, Bland 1-39.
SBU: Franklin 1-20, Foulk 1-14, Parris 1-15, McManis 1-12.

TEAM LEADERS (AFTER 3 GAMES)

RUSHING (At-Yds.): Albert Bland 46-184
PASSING (At-Comp-Yds.): Matt Cook 38-84-581.
RECEIVING (Rec-Yds.): Rod Smith 16-264.
SCORING (Pts.): Henry Sims, Jared Kaalohelo, 12.
NEUTRALITY: 15-24-39.



Conference Standings

	Overall	MIAA
W L T	W L	
Central Mo. St.	3 0 0	2 0
SOUTHERN	2 0 1	2 0
Emporia St.	2 1 0	2 0
Mo. Western	3 1 0	1 1
Mo.-Rolla	2 1 0	1 1
Northeast Mo. St.	2 2 0	1 1
Pittsburg St.	1 2 0	1 1
Washburn	0 3 0	0 2
Northwest Mo. St.	0 4 0	0 2
Southwest Bapt.	0 4 0	0 2

(Last Week)

SOUTHERN 21, Southwest Baptist 15
Central Mo. St. 41; Washburn 19
Emporia St. 17; Mo.-Rolla 0
Northeast Mo. St. 38; Northwest Mo. St. 16
Pittsburg St. 24; Mo. Western 0

(This Saturday)

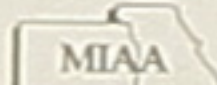
NORTHEAST MO. ST. AT SOUTHERN, 1:30
Central Mo. St. at Mo. Western, 6 p.m.
Northwest Mo. St. at Emporia St., 2 p.m.
Pittsburg St. at Washburn 7 p.m.
Southwest Baptist at Mo.-Rolla 1:30.

NCAA Division II

Top 20 Poll

1. North Dakota St.	3-0-0	80
2. North Alabama	3-0-0	76
3. New Haven, Conn.	4-0-0	70
(tie) Portland St. (Ore.)	3-0-0	70
5. Hampton U. (Va.)	4-0-0	63
6. North Dakota	3-0-0	61
7. Indiana (Pa.)	4-0-0	56
8. Mankato St. (Minn.)	4-0-0	51
9. Valdosta St.	3-1-0	47
10. Central Oklahoma	4-0-0	46
11. Ferris St. (Mich.)	3-0-1	39
12. Angelo St. (Texas)	3-1-0	36
13. Wayne St. (Neb.)	4-0-0	31
14. U.C. Davis	2-1-0	26
15. Northern Colorado	4-0-0	24
16. Grand Valley St.	3-1-0	21
17. Albany St. (Ga.)	4-0-0	19
18. Northern Michigan	4-0-0	10
19. Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.)	3-0-0	7
20. East Texas St.	2-2-0	5.5

VOLLEYBALL



Conference Standings

	Overall	MIAA
W L T	W L	
Central Mo. St.	14 3	8 0
Northeast Mo. St.	13 3	7 0
Mo.-St. Louis	13 3	6 1
SOUTHERN	10 5	7 2
Emporia St.	11 9	4 4
Pittsburg St.	7 8	3 5
Northwest Mo. St.	7 8	2 6
Mo. Western	2 12	2 6
Washburn	4 16	1 8
Southwest Baptist	1 12	0 7

(Last Night)

S.B.U. 4-6-0-0
LADY LIONS 15-15-15-3

Southern 3, Southwest Baptist 0

(Saturday at St. Joseph)

LADY LIONS 16-15-15-3
M.W.S.C. 14-12-2-0

Augustana (S.D.) 3, Southern 0

(Saturday at St. Joseph)

LADY LIONS 5-7-12-0
A.U. 15-15-15-3

Southern 3, Northwest Mo. St. 1

(Friday at St. Joseph)

LADY LIONS 15-9-16-14-3
NW.M.S.U. 4-15-14-9-1

Upcoming Matches

Tomorrow and Saturday — Mo. Western State College Invitational at St. Joseph. (Tomorrow—vs. Nebraska-Kearney, 2:30; vs. Northwest Mo. St., 5 p.m. Tuesday — at Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Okla. Oct. 15-16, MIAA Round Robin at Washburn University, Topeka, Kan.

TENNIS

Southern 7, Labette County C.C. 2

(Tuesday)
(SINGLES)

No. 1—Wendy Alloway (LC) defeated Jill Fisher (MS) 6-4, 6-2.
No. 2—Emily Blackwell (MS) defeated Bridget Brandenburg (LC) 6-0, 6-2.
No. 3—Ali Potter (MS) defeated Keli Cramer (LC) 6-1, 6-1.
No. 4—Holly Hammett (MS) defeated Carrie Williams (LC) 6-4, 6-2.
No. 5—Stacy Jackson (MS) defeated Debbie Olsen (LC) 6-0, 6-2.
No. 6—Stefanie Duncan (MS) defeated Angie Walters (LC) 6-0, 6-0.

(DOUBLES)

Fisher, Blackwell (MS) defeated Alloway, Cramer (LC) 6-1, 6-3.
Brandenburg, Williams (LC) defeated Potter, Hammett (MS) 6-4, 6-2.
Jackson, Duncan (MS) defeated Olsen, Walters (LC) 6-1, 6-0.

Upcoming Matches

Monday — at Drury College.
Oct. 9-10 — University of Missouri Invitational Doubles Tournament.
Oct. 15 — HOME VS. ROCKHURST

CROSS COUNTRY

Upcoming Meet

Saturday — at Southwest Missouri State University Invitational, Springfield.

INTRAMURALS

FLAG FOOTBALL PLAY BEGINS MONDAY.

4-ON-4 WALLEYBALL SIGN-UP DEADLINE IS OCT. 8. PLAY BEGINS OCT. 12.

RACQUETBALL SIGN-UPS BEGIN OCT. 11 FOR ALL DIVISIONS.

SOCCER

Telkyo-Westmar 3, Southern 0

(Sunday)

T.W.U. 3-0-0-3
LIONS 0-0-0-0

First Half
TWU — Tim Thackberry unassisted, 17:00.
TWU — Dan McBride unassisted, 22:00.
TWU — Brandon Ford, 37:00.

Second Half
NO SCORING

Yellow Cards
LIONS — Grady Huke, 77:00; Dave Holzm, 82:00; Todd Eaton, 83:00; Brian Marlow, 86:00.
TWU — Yuki Tanaka, 89:00.

Red Cards
LIONS — Jorge Pereira, TWU — John Coldren.

Southern 6, Southwest Baptist 0

(Saturday)

S.B.U. 0-0-0-0
LIONS 3-3-0-6

SOUTHERN GOALS

Brett Ulrich from Chris Schacht, 5:00; Schacht from Grady Huke, 15:00; Sean Briley, 30:00; Chris Cook (2), and Jorge Pereira.

Upcoming Games

SOUTHERN NAZARENE UNIVERSITY CLASSIC Saturday—vs. Oklahoma City University Sunday—vs. Southern Nazarene U.

GOLF

MSSC FALL CLASSIC

(Monday at Schifferdecker G.C.)
Team Results

1. Southwest Baptist, 289
2. Pittsburg State No. 1, 300
3. Missouri Southern No. 1, 301
(tie) Penn Valley C.C., 301
5. Mo.-Rolla, 304
6. Missouri Southern No. 2, 305
7. Pittsburg State No. 2, 311

Missouri Southern Results

MISSOURI SOUTHERN NO. 1 —	
Chris Mitchell	+1 72
Trent Stiles	+2 73
Heath Holt	+4 75
Scott Smith	+10 81
Scott Stettes	+12 83

MISSOURI SOUTHERN NO. 2 —

Kevin Walker	+4 75
Shane Cowger	+5 76
Jack Pew	+5 76
Casey Chalmers	+7 78
Tony Armstrong	+10 81

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Water leaves legacy of destruction



Retreating flood waters from the Spring River left the roadway torn off in large chunks and the bridge closed on K-166 at Baxter Springs, Kan.



Despite the sign, no one was parking near the NEO A&M football stadium.



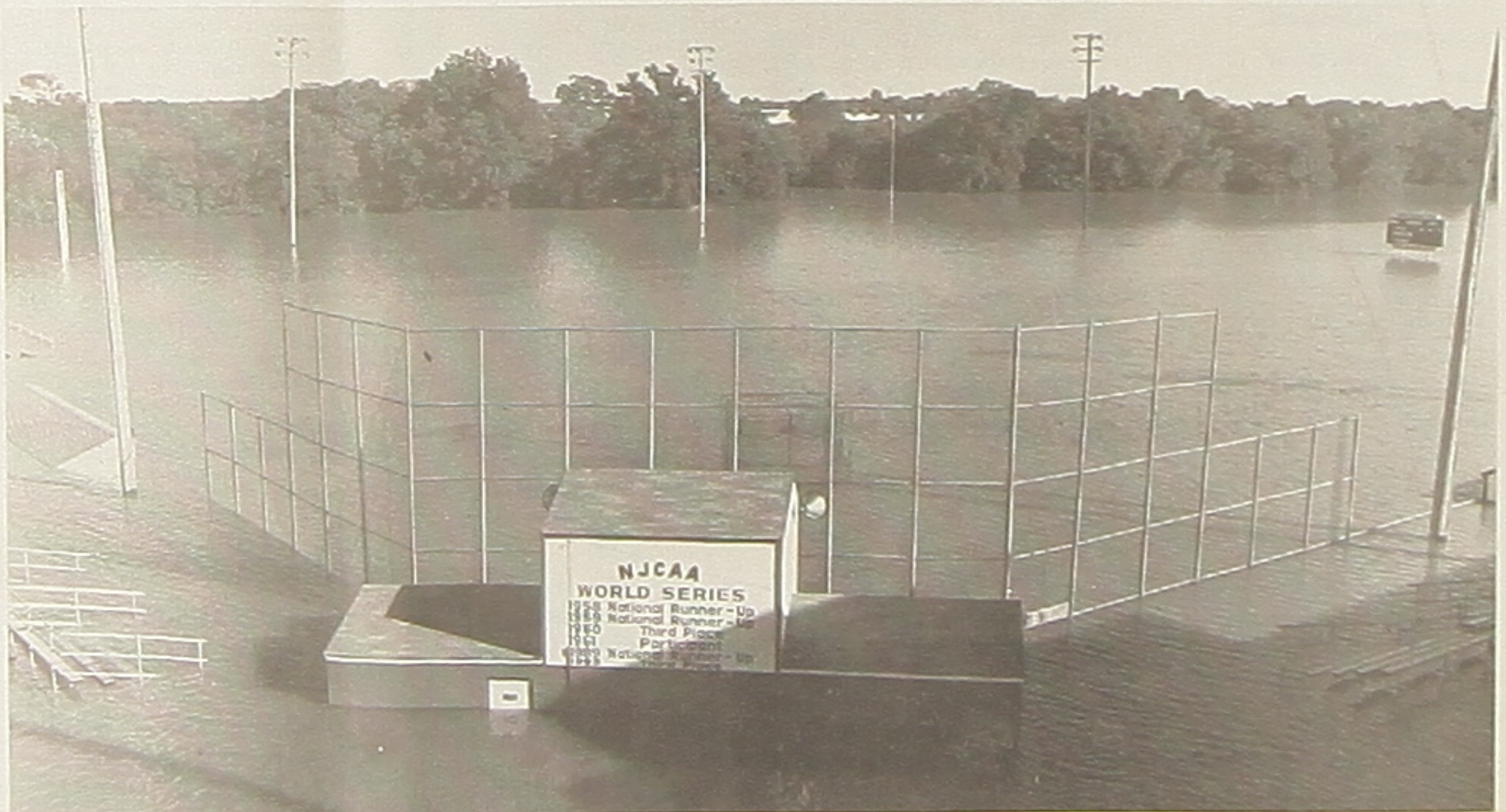
This house, located on Missouri Highway 171 north of Carl Junction, was left underwater by the Spring River.



A Miami, Okla., Fire Department vehicle sits in two feet of water where Oklahoma Highway 10 is normally.



The force of overflow from the Spring River tore away the asphalt all the way to the roadbed on Highway K-66 between Riverton and Galena, Kan.



The baseball diamond at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College sits under four feet of water. Flooding caused classes in Miami to be cancelled on Monday.

Massive rains lead to flood

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It looked like Davenport, Iowa, last week. Massive rains pushed creeks and rivers out of their banks, forcing residents to seek shelter.

This was not Davenport or St. Louis or any place else on the Mississippi or Missouri rivers, however—this was the four-state area.

A total of seven and a half inches of rain fell in Joplin between Friday and Sunday. This amount paled in comparison to the estimated 20 inches of rain which fell in parts of southeast Kansas.

Chris Higgins, meteorologist for KODE-TV, said 20 inches of rain is the equivalent of approximately 200 inches of snow.

"This is the type of rainstorm you would expect on the Gulf Coast during a hurricane," Higgins said.

The intense rain caused damage to homes, roads, and businesses across the region.

George Dockery, area engineer for the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), said Joplin was virtually cut off from southeast Kansas by the flood waters. Kansas Highway 96 from the Missouri state line to Crestline, Kan., will be closed indefinitely.

"Ninety-six lost a 300-foot bridge," Dockery said. "Out of the whole flood this will probably be our major expense."

Dockery estimated it would

cost \$500,000 and take at least two months to replace the bridge.

Other Kansas highways damaged included K-66 between Galena and Riverton, and K-166 east of Baxter Springs.

"K-66 had no bridge damage, but water over the pavement washed it out in some places," Dockery said. "Contrary to reports, the bridge at Baxter Springs was not moved four feet down river. We will have to fix the approaches to the bridge, however."

The only link between southeast Kansas and Joplin is the west-bound lanes of K-66 east of Riverton.

Dockery said repairs to K-66 and K-166 should be completed by late next week.

It will take a while longer to fix some of the homes destroyed and lives disrupted by the raging waters.

Judy Lapanne and her husband, Donald, have lived in a house they built near the K-66 bridge over the Spring River for 15 years.

"I kind of watched the river Friday night, but I never dreamed it would get this high," Judy Lapanne said. "I knew we were in trouble when it got into the front yard."

Lapanne said she called her children and started boxing things up about 10:30 p.m. Friday.

This was the first time the river had reached her house.

"We've had water in the yard

because of a little stream, but it never really approached the house," she said.

Lapanne said she and her husband were not ready to move out because of one flood.

"If it doesn't happen again for 50 years, we won't worry about it," she said. "It's just devastating to see all that hard work go down the drain. There is nothing you can do but watch."

In Miami, Okla., flood waters disrupted classes at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M on Monday. Water covered the baseball and softball fields and parts of the football stadium. It also got into a number of maintenance buildings and caused some damage.

Jerry Carroll, president of NEO, said damage to the athletic facilities could cost \$5,000.

"Our [football] practice field may not be usable for a couple of weeks," Carroll said. "The stadium was not under water, so it wasn't badly hurt."

Classes were cancelled on Monday to allow students and faculty to assist with the evacuations in Miami.

"Because of the civil defense emergency, they had asked us for assistance," Carroll said. "We had a number of willing volunteers in our dorm students. Well over 100 of our students volunteered to help."

Higgins said the Joplin area is 22 and a half inches ahead of normal rainfall totals for this time.

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